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Pressure for 13½ pc mortgages

Mortgage interest rates could fall by as much as 1½ percentage points to 13½ per cent next week when building societies' leaders meet, Mr Clive Thornton, chief general manager of the Abbey National, said yesterday. A cut of only 1 point might not be acceptable to his board he said and the Abbey National might go it alone if the other societies dragged their feet in dropping from the present record 15 per cent Page 15

Vaughan given consumer post

Dr Gerard Vaughan, Minister for Health since the Government was formed in May, 1979, was appointed Minister for Consumer Affairs in succession to Mrs Sally Oppenheim, who resigned for family reasons.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, a parliamentary secretary at the Department of Transport, has been promoted to Minister for Health and Mr Antony Newton is moved up from the Whip's office to the post of Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Social Security. Two others have been switched as a result of the appointments

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Shakespearian burglary

Raiders who broke into Anne Hathaway's cottage at Shottery, near Stratford upon Avon, have stolen "irreplaceable" treasures, many of which have been at the cottage for 400 years. Police fear they could be taken to the United States for sale Page 2

Haig evidence disappears

Scepticism grew over claims by Mr Alexander Haig, the American Secretary of State, about foreign intervention in Central America when a Nicaraguan soldier alleged to have been captured while helping guerrillas in El Salvador could not be found Page 4

Bored Bundestag turns to London

The West German Bundestag is thinking of sending scouts to Westminster to learn how to liven up parliamentary question time, after only three members attended Wednesday's session in Bonn Page 4

American may replace Thorpe

Miss Janet Johnstone, an American, has been approached to take over the directorship of the British section of Amnesty International in place of Mr Jeremy Thorpe. Page 3

Mottram puts Britain ahead

Christopher Mottram gave Britain the lead over Italy in the Davis Cup tennis match by beating Adriano Panatta. The second match between Richard Lewis and Corrado Barazzutti was halted in the first set by rain Page 19

Shortlist for top coal job

Mr Kenneth Griffin, deputy chairman of British Shipbuilders, has emerged as a contender on the shortlist of candidates being prepared to succeed Sir Derek Ezra as chairman of the National Coal Board Page 15

Damages award against Ripper

Mrs Irene MacDonald, of Leeds, whose daughter Jayne, aged 16, was murdered by Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, was awarded £6,722 damages against him in Leeds High Court Page 2

England's hope

England meet Wales at Twickenham seeking to erase memories of the 1980 international rugby championship match there, when Paul Ringer was sent off. Scotland play France in Edinburgh Page 20

Soviet labour boss falls to Politburo infighting

From Michael Binyon, Moscow, March 5

The head of the Soviet trade union organization was dismissed today and replaced by a younger man only days before the opening of the Soviet Trade Union Congress.

Mr Alexei Shibayev, aged 67, was replaced at a session of the union's council, in a move that reflects deep dissatisfaction in the Kremlin at his lack-lustre performance, and also concern, prompted by the Polish crisis, about worker discontent and low morale.

He was replaced by Mr Stepan Shalayev, aged 53, a Minister for the Paper and Pulp Industries, who has a trade union background. Mr Shalayev will now deliver the keynote speech at the congress, which is held once every five years.

The unusual timing coincides with rumours of manoeuvrings within the Politburo, prompting speculation about a power struggle behind the scenes. But there seems little direct evidence to connect Mr Shibayev's fall with any attempt to weaken or consolidate the position of President Brezhnev.

For the past year as Solidarity gathered momentum in Poland, the Soviet press has been calling for a more active role from the state-run trade unions. They have been accused of neglecting the interests of Soviet workers, conniving in management abuses, and failing to give a lead in the struggle against labour indiscipline, drunkenness and falling productivity.

Mr Shibayev had no trade union experience when he was appointed to the job in 1976. Unlike his predecessors, he was not a member of the Politburo, made few speeches and played an inconspicuous role.

Soviet trade unions do little more than arrange holidays and fringe benefits for workers, settle minor grievances and transmit the party line to the workforce at mass meetings. They have no power to negotiate wage levels or call strikes.

Three years ago a handful of workers tried to form an "independent" trade union in protest. But the leaders were quickly arrested or confined to mental hospital. It was only the growth of Solidarity that prompted the press here to give warnings that trade unionists who failed to do their job properly might be dismissed or face prosecution.

Mr Konstantin Chernyenko, a leading protégé of Mr Brezhnev in the Politburo, gave a warning last September that trade unions should defend workers against bureaucrats and poor managers. But he also attacked the sloppiness, inefficiency and absenteeism of Soviet workers, and hinted that it was up to the trade unions to restore labour discipline and boost low morale.

Significantly, Mr Chernyenko attended the session today at which Mr Shibayev was dropped. He is clearly establishing himself as an important member of the Soviet Politburo; at a celebratory meeting, attended this evening by President Brezhnev and fellow members of the ruling body, in honour of International Women's Day, Mr Chernyenko sat in the front row, beside Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Prime Minister, and next but one to the Soviet leader.

The nuances of such rankings are important in the Soviet Union. It was noticeable that Mr Andrei Kirilenko, the senior Secretary in the Politburo, who is now said to be losing influence, was nowhere to be seen at the meeting. He does not appear to be ill, however, as he attended a state banquet on Monday

One indirect hint that Mr Shibayev's dismissal might in part be linked to jockeying within the Politburo is that Mr Kirilenko was the man responsible for his appointment.

At the meeting in 1976 to discuss candidates for the post, which had been vacant for 18 months since the fall from power of its previous occupant, Mr Alexander Shelepin, there was strong resistance to Mr Shibayev. He was said to have been a compromise choice, in view of his complete lack of trade union experience.

Mr Kirilenko attended the meeting, and, on behalf of the Soviet leadership, persuaded delegates to vote for Mr Shibayev, because of his long party record.

Pay protest threat to schools

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

Unions representing more than three-quarters of the 450,000 teachers in England and Wales are to take industrial action from next Thursday in an attempt to [illegible] employers to agree to s[illegible] their pay claim to arbitration.

The executives of the National Union of Teachers (NUT) and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NAS/UWT) agreed yesterday to call on members to withdraw from the midday supervision of pupils and to refuse to take part in staff and parent meetings outside school hours.

The NAS/UWT said that sports and social activities would not be affected. However, the NUT is to ask its members not to participate in any voluntary activities outside school hours.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, which represents two-thirds of all heads, said that many schools would be forced to close during the lunch break.

His union's action committee had been summoned to an emergency meeting this weekend to discuss what action heads should take. "I strongly suspect that we shall be advising our members to do nothing to minimize the effectiveness of any teacher action", he said.

His association was as appalled as the NUT and the NAS/UWT by the employers' "contemptible" pay offer of 3.4 per cent, he said. The teachers are claiming an 11 to 12 per cent rise from April 1.

Teachers' leaders say that the pay negotiations in the Burnham Committee reached deadlock on Wednesday after the employers had refused to improve their initial 3.4 per cent offer.

However, Mr Alistair Lawton, leader of the local authorities' side on the Burnham Committee, said last night that the employers wanted further discussions.

As a further mark of protest, the union has decided to withdraw its invitation to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to address its annual conference at Easter.

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Humpage named as 13th man

By Our Sports Staff

Geoff Humpage, the Warwickshire wicketkeeper-batsman, was named yesterday as the thirteenth man to join the team of English cricketers in South Africa. Humpage, aged 27, was chosen by England for the three one-day internationals against Australia last summer, but has not played in a Test match.

Mr Peter Cooke, one of the tour organizers, said in Port Elizabeth last night that more players were likely to join the touring party next week. He specified the need for an all-rounder, increasing speculation that the former England captain, Tony Greig, who now lives in Australia, might be joining the party. Ian Botham, however, has confirmed that he has no wish to participate in the tour "no matter what the price".

The executive committee of the Test and County Cricket Board decided in London yesterday to defer until a special meeting on March 19 of the full board, which comprises all 17 first-class counties, a decision on what action to take against the players now in South Africa.

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Is Ayatollah Khomeini dead?

From Charles Hargrove, Paris, March 5

Is the Ayatollah Khomeini dead? Or is he so ill that he cannot even be photographed to scotch the spate of rumours of the past fortnight in Iran and abroad about his state of health?

The question has arisen after the publication in three leading Iranian newspapers of an obviously doctored picture of the ayatollah with four members of the revolutionary Government and his son.

Iranian journalists in exile argue that if only a doctored photograph of the ayatollah was available to prove that he is well, something must be wrong.

The picture appeared on February 23 in Islamic Republic, the official party newspaper, on both the front and the back pages, and in Ettelaat and Keyhan, two Tehran evening newspapers.

In the Ettelaat version of the picture shown here, which was released by the Ministry of Guidance to attempt to put paid to the rumours about his health, the ayatollah is shown with a microphone. Otherwise the photographs in the three newspapers are identical.

The poses of the ayatollah and of the leading members of the Government are the same, but the obtrusive microphone, included either by mistake or by design, caused suspicion among the members of the council of Radio Iran, the free radio of Mr Shahpour Bakhtiar, the last prime minister of the imperial regime now living in exile near Paris.

On closer examination of the picture, they detected several other anomalies. The part of the picture showing the ayatollah was obviously taken from a different angle from the part which portrays, from left to right, Mr Hashemi Rafsanjani, the president of the Iranian Parliament; Mr Musavi, the prime minister; Mr Khamenei, the President, and Mr Ardebili, the Minister of Justice. On the extreme right is Haj Ahmad Khomeini, the ayatollah's son.

Even the photograph of Mr Ardebelli clearly comes from another source, demonstrated by the fact that the curtain at his back fades rather incomprehensively into the wall. His position in the picture, seated in front of the ayatollah's sofa, and not as protocol would require it, at the side, is further evidence of alteration.

The three newspapers also published on February 23 copies of a firman or decree signed by the ayatollah, but dated 15 Safar 1401 in the Islamic calendar, that is to say 14 months old, and probably designed to mislead public opinion into thinking that he was fully in charge of the affairs of the country.

On February 12, an announcement was made by his office giving only 24 hours notice that he would take two weeks' leave and cancel all his engagements. Such announcements are usually made well ahead. This started rumours in Tehran that he was seriously ill which became so persistent that the Government felt compelled to take action.

Ten days later, in response to enquiries by international news agencies, the ayatollah's office stated that he was well, and amused by the reports of his ill health. The same day, after an explosion in Tehran caused several casualties, to Tehran Radio broadcast a recorded statement allegedly by the ayatollah to prove that he was alive and well.

This did not mention the explosion or any recent events and confirmed the suspicion of the members of Radio Iran, which monitors all the broad-

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Setback for Paisley in Belfast poll

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Rev Martin Smyth won the Belfast, South, by-election yesterday for the Official Unionists with a convincing majority over the Democratic Unionist Party, which is led by the Rev Ian Paisley. Mr Paisley suffered a severe blow when the Rev William McCrea, the Democratic Unionist candidate, was pushed into third place behind the non-sectarian Alliance Party.

Mr Smyth's victory is a big boost for his party, reassuring it that it is still a powerful electoral force.

Mr Paisley's party's relentless advance had appeared to be unstoppable and a DUP victory would have robbed the Official Unionists, already demoralized by Mr Paisley's apparent invincibility, of their last seat in Belfast.

He has now had the humiliation of being beaten by the Alliance Party and the Official Unionists have demonstrated that they can take him on and win.

That demonstration will restore Mr Smyth's party colleagues' belief in themselves, although it would be unwise for anyone to write off Mr Paisley and his brash brand of Unionism.

There was uproar and scuffling as the results were announced at Belfast City Hall amid cheers and jeering from rival sets of Official Unionist and Democratic Unionist supporters.

The rivalry between the two parties erupted into violent abuse as soon as Mr Smyth's victory was proclaimed, with both sides saying they had been kicked and punched by the other.

The police moved in to separate the rival supporters and Mr John Carson, the former Lord Mayor of Belfast, said he had been assaulted by DUP supporters just after the result was announced. They in turn alleged that he had kicked and hit them in the uproar; the police took statements from both sides.

The by-election, caused by the murder last November of the Rev Robert Bradford in an IRA gun attack, had been billed in advance as the battle for supremacy between Ulster's two brands of Unionism. Mr Paisley's party badly wanted to win because that would have reinforced the party leader's claim to speak for the majority of Protestants.

The Rev Martin Smyth: "We are on the march".

The DUP and the Official Unionists had brought in candidates with immense popular appeal and the DUP had mounted an aggressive campaign, raising expectations that it could take the seat.

As the DUP candidate's vote was declared, the defeated Mr McCrea's supporters unfurled the Union Jack, cheered, and shouted: "We want Willie" and "No surrender".

Mr Smyth's victory speech was largely drowned by wild chanting, but afterwards he said: "We were supposed to be on the run. We are on the march back to represent the people of Ulster."

Mr Paisley and his supporters put a brave face on their defeat. He was in a defiant mood and denied official Unionist claims that the DUP had passed its zenith. He said: "Once again the media will write my obituaries, but I have had a lot of resurrections I've been in many fights and had many defeats and I'm still rising again and living to fight another day".

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THE RESULTS

Rev M. Smyth (Off Un)	17,123
D. Cook (Alliance)	11,726
Rev W. McCrea (Dem Un)	9,818
A. McDonnell (SDLP)	3,839
J. McMichael (Ul Loy Dem)	576
B. Caul (United Lab)	303
J. Narain (One Hum Fam)	137
S. Hall-Raleigh (Peace State)	12
Electorate	66,219
Votes cast	43,948
Official Unionist majority	5,397
Turnout	66.21%

General election, 1979: Rev R. Bradford (Off Un), 28,875; B. Glass (Alliance), 11,745; A. McDonnell (SDLP), 3,694; V. Brennan (UPNI), 1,784; J. Dudgeon (Lab Integ), 692. Off Un maj, 17,130. Electorate, 68,920. Turnout, 68 per cent.

Gold price slips again in hectic trading

By Melvyn Westlake

The price of gold continued its descent of the world's bullion markets yesterday in another session of nervous and hectic trading. At the close of business in London the price stood at a 2½-year low of $343.25 an ounce.

At one stage it had been $6 below that, but recovered to finish with a net loss of $1 This was comparatively modest compared with the headlong fall of previous days which has reduced the value of the metal by 15 per cent since the beginning of the year and by three-fifths since January 1980 when gold fever reached its climax. The price peaked at $850 an ounce.

In New York last night the spot price of gold for London delivery plunged $10 to $333.75 an ounce from the day before. Trading opened at about $340.50 and was driven down by constant selling in the afternoon.

Yesterday gold dealers were not prepared to predict when the shakeout would end. With the fall in world oil prices, several Middle East countries have become extremely hard-pressed for foreign exchange and have been forced to sell the large holdings of gold built up in the heady days of 1979.

One senior dealer said that the collapse in the price had "destroyed the myth that gold only goes up". High interest rates are the single most important reason that gold prices have been sliding. Gold earns no interest.

The Soviet Union also stepped up sales last year, and is believed to have sold 250 to 300 tons, which is equivalent to more than a quarter of world production, but this is not thought to have been primarily responsible for driving the price down. The Japanese are said to be particularly keen on the fine metal from the Soviet Union, and they have become substantial buyers recently.

But such purchases are easily outweighed by selling, not only because of high interest rates and the strength of the dollar, but because of the fall in oil prices. Also some oil exporters are facing a financial squeeze, and many people have psychologically tended to bracket oil and gold together.

Job cuts agreed with 'Times' clerical union

By David Felton, Labour Reporter

Times Newspapers and leaders of the company's 670 clerical workers last night reached an agreement on job cuts, which is regarded as crucial if closure of The Times and The Sunday Times, which had been threatened by Mr Rupert Murdoch, the proprietor, is to be averted.

The agreement came after Mr Murdoch had announced on arriving back in Britain from New York that the outcome of redundancy negotiations throughout the company should be known by Monday at the latest.

Neither management nor local officials of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa) were prepared to reveal details of how many clerical staff will leave the company, but it is understood that it is likely to be less than 180.

That figure compares with about 390 posts, which the company was seeking at the start of the crisis negotiations three weeks ago. The agreed figure was thought to be somewhere between 225 posts, which had been the starting point for last night's talks, and 180, including about 40 vacancies.

The proposals will be put to a meeting of the clerical staff of the two newspapers next Tuesday for approval. The union's chapel (office branch) committee will meet on Monday to discuss the prospective agreement and are expected to recommend it to their members.

Mr Murdoch had made clear earlier in the negotiations that he considered job cuts among clerical workers vital because it was in the Natsopa areas that the company was most seriously overmanned.

Mr Barry Fitzpatrick, father of the Natsopa clerical chapel at The Sunday Times, said after last night's talks: "I can't say I am overjoyed by the outcome because we will be losing jobs, but we think we have averted the closure of the papers and we believe that this figure is more realistic in protecting the company's ability to produce newspapers."

Attention will now switch to the machine room of The Times which the management believes is the chief remaining hurdle in the negotiations.

Earlier in the day, Mr Murdoch said at Heathrow airport: "I am not confident or certain that the newspapers can be saved. I am hopeful. We have a lot to get through and hopefully we will know the outcome by Monday at the latest."

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'Carlos' threatens French leaders

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, March 5



"Carlos": a photograph taken in 1975.

"Carlos", the international terrorist wanted by a number of Western police forces, has sent an ultimatum to the French Government through the French Embassy in The Hague, it was learnt today. He threatens to take action against ministers if two of his "friends" now awaiting trial, are not released within a month.

The two were arrested on February 16 in Paris. They claimed to belong to the "International Revolutionary Organization", and have been charged with murder, false identity and possession of arms and explosives.

One of them, Bruno Breguet, aged 32, a Swiss from Locarno, was arrested in April 1970 at Haifa when attempting to smuggle explosives into Israel for a Palestinian bomb attack. He was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment but pardoned in 1977. He was since registered as a student of economics in Zurich.

The other is Magdalena Kaupp, aged 34, from Ulm in West Germany, suspected by the German police as belonging to a terrorist organization and of having connexions with the Baader-Meinhof gang.

They were caught by two watchmen who took them for thieves in a car park near the Champs Elysées. They tried to open fire, but their guns jammed and they were arrested. In their car carrying false number plates police say they found explosives, two small bottles of camping gas, and $2,000 (£1,100) in notes. They have refused to give evidence to in investigating magistrate.

The ultimatum of "Carlos" the alias of Señor Illitch Ramirez Sanchez, a Venezuelan, was half a page long and written in Spanish. It carried in addition to his signature, his thumbprints.

"You arrested two members of my organization", it read, "who had received no orders to stage an attack on French territory, for we have nothing against the Socialist Government. I give you one month to release them, otherwise I will personally take on members of the Government."

After the receipt of the letter, on March 1, special security measures have been taken by the Dutch police to protect the French Ambassador.

☐ The return of "Carlos" to the world stage comes after a relatively quiet year in his turbulent career as a terrorist (A Staff Reporter writes).

He was last reported to be working on behalf of the Syrian Government to overthrow its Iraqi opponents.

His most notorious coup was the kidnapping of 11 Opec ministers in Vienna seven years ago, but he has also been implicated in the Entebbe hijacking of an Israeli airliner. He is wanted in at least 12 countries for a series of murders, hijackings and kidnappings, including the killing of two French agents and an Arab informer in a Paris gun battle in 1975.

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Effects of cannabis still unclear

The use of cannabis can give rise to acute transient mental disturbance and may make people perform less well socially, an official report on the effects of the drug said yesterday. But it added: "The extent to which it can produce long-term psychotic disorder remains open" (Peter Evans writes).

The report, by a group of experts, to the Government's Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, concludes that there is insufficient evidence for incontestible conclusions about the effects of cannabis.

"Nevertheless, in a number of areas there is evidence to suggest that deleterious effects may result in certain circumstances."

There was evidence to suggest that the therapeutic use of cannabis or substances derived from it in the treatment of certain medical conditions might after further research prove beneficial.

Its use as an antiemetic in cancer chemotherapy appeared most promising. Other possible uses were in relation to glaucoma, epilepsy and muscle spasticity. But without further research it could not be a standard method of treatment.

Ripper must pay damages

The mother of the youngest victim of Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, was awarded agreed damages of £6,722 by a High Court registrar in Leeds yesterday.

Mrs Irene MacDonald's daughter Jayne was murdered while walking home in Leeds on June 26, 1977. She was aged 16.

Mrs MacDonald, aged 59, of Leeds, is the first relative of one of Sutcliffe's victims to obtain damages.

The figure was set by Mrs MacDonald's solicitors and approved by lawyers acting for Sutcliffe, who is serving a life sentence for 13 murders.

Mrs MacDonald will have to wait until Sutcliffe's main asset, his house in Bradford, valued at £35,000, is sold before she will get any money.

Drug squad men are acquitted

Five Humberside drugs squad detectives were cleared yesterday at York Crown Court of paying an informant with drugs (our York Correspondent writes).

Det Inspector Michael Lord, aged 44, and Det Constables Ian Davidson, aged 31, Michael Atkins, aged 26, Philip Riby, aged 31, and Andrew Ablett, aged 33, had denied a total of nine offences concerned with supplying dangerous and controlled drugs to Mr Thomas Hamilton Dunsmore, a Scotsman, who went to live in Hull after serving prison sentences for robbery, arson and assault.

The detectives have been suspended for nearly two and a half years and still face disciplinary procedures.

Mr Dunsmore, aged 30, was described as a "supergrass" who wanted to win the admiration of other criminals by discrediting the drugs squad. He was said to be in hiding in West Germany.

Three accused of detective's death

Three men accused of murdering Det Constable James Porter in Bishop Auckland, co Durham, on Thursday, were remanded in custody yesterday by magistrates at Bishop Auckland. They were:

Edward Horner, aged 24, unemployed of Woodhouses, West Auckland, co Durham; Paul Standen, aged 20, of no fixed address; and Thomas Bright, aged 52, unemployed, of Oaklea Green, West Auckland.

The three, who made no application for bail, were remanded until Monday.

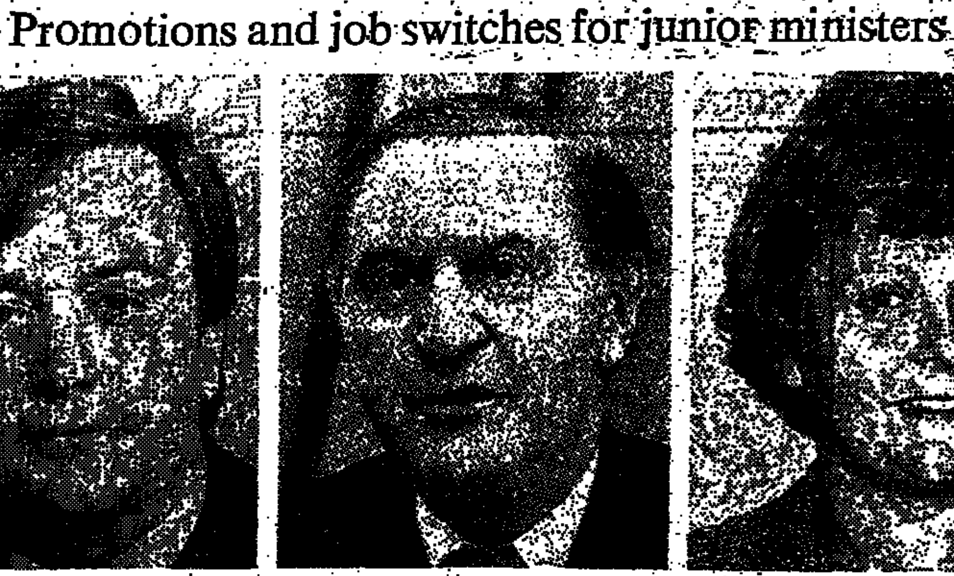
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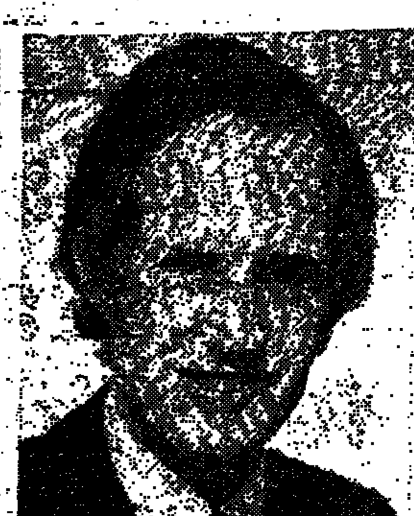
Gerard Tuite, the escaped Brixton remand prisoner who is wanted by Scotland Yard for trial on explosives charges, is expected to appear at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin this morning (our Dublin correspondent writes).

He will face charges which last night had not been specified. He was arrested in Drogheda on Thursday after 18 months on the run.

Promotions and job switches for junior ministers







Dr Gerard Vaughan, aged 58: Minister for Consumer Affairs, formerly Minister for Health. He was born in Portuguese East Africa. Educated in East Africa and at Guy's Hospital, London, where he became a specialist. Elected to London County Council in 1955, representing first Streatham, later Lambeth. He was elected to Parliament as Conservative MP for Reading in 1970 and has been member for Reading, South, since 1974. When the Conservatives were in opposition he was a frontbench spokesman on the social services and became a party whip in 1974.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, aged 41: Minister for Health, formerly Under-Secretary of State, Department of Transport. He won the Rushcliffe, Nottinghamshire, seat in 1970 and immediattely caught the eye of the Tory leaders because of his energy on the back benches and in party committees. Party spokesman on industry, (1976-79). Educated at Nottingham High School and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Became a government assistant whip in 1972 and a whip in 1974. His publications include New Hope for the Regions. A barrister, a modern jazz enthusiast, and a football supporter.

Mr Reginald Eyre, aged 57: Transferred as Under-Secretary of State from Department of Trade to Transport. A solicitor since 1950, he won the Hall Green, Birmingham, seat in a by-election in 1965 and became an opposition whip in 1966. In the Heath Administration he was Under-Secretary for Housing and Construction in 1972-74. A vice-chairman of the Conservative Party from 1975 to 1979 with responsibility for urban areas. Educated at King Edward's Camp Hill School, Birmingham, and Emmanuel College, Cambridge, he served in the RNVR during the last war.

Mrs Lynda Chalker, aged 39: Under-Secretary of State for Transport, previously Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Security since May, 1979. Educated at Roedean, Heidelberg University, Westfield College (London University), and Central London Polytechnic, she is a statistician and former head of the international division of Louis Harris International. MP for Wallasey since 1974. Appointments have included membership of BBC's general advisory council and of Conservative Political Centre advisory committee. Has been parliamentary adviser to Market Research Society

Mr Anthony Newton, aged 44: Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health and Social Security, previously a government whip. MP for Braintree since February, 1974. An economist, he has been an officer of the Conservative backbench committee on health and social security since 1976. Assistant director of the Conservative Research Department, 1970-74. Educated at the Friends' School, Saffron Walden, and Trinity College, Oxford. His special interests are taxation and the social services.

George Clark

A-level grades of Oxford entrants improve

By Diana Geddes, Education Correspondent

A record 79 per cent of next autumn's successful applicants to Oxford University who have taken A levels obtained two grade Bs and an A or better, compared with only 26 per cent of the 1980 entrants to all universities: 40 per cent of next autumn's Oxford entrants got three straight grade As, compared with only 9 per cent last year.

However, nine of the successful Oxford candidates got less than three grade Cs or their equivalent, and one obtained only three Es, the lowest pass grade possible. Some will doubtless see in those figures further evidence of the type of deal made by Wadham College with wealthy parents to "buy" places for their less than brilliant offspring.

But it should be noted first, that those nine were among 2,840 who were accepted for places; second, their number is no greater than in recent years; and third, all nine were accepted on the basis of their performance in the Oxford entrance examination, not on their A level grades, and there may well have been mitigating circumstances to affect their performance.

The number of applicants for entry to Oxford this year reached a record high level of 7,539, representing an increase of 8 per cent over the previous year.

For the first time the number of places offered to pre-A level candidates, largely drawn from state schools, exceeded those offered to post-A level candidates, but by two only. Only 218 candidates were offered places that were conditional on their A level grades alone.

The number of women admitted rose marginally to 1,109, the highest total ever, but the same proportion, 39 per cent, as last year.

☐ The Government sent a letter to all English education authorities yesterday warning them that the use of corporal punishment in schools may in certain circumstances amount to inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

The letter included a copy of a report from the European Commission of Human Rights on the case involving the settlement reached between the British Government and the mother of a girl aged 14 who was severely beaten on her buttocks and her hand by her headmistress.

In another case the European Court of Human Rights ruled last month that corporal punishment should not be administered against the wishes of parents. The case had been brought by two Scottish mothers.

☐ Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour education spokesman, said yesterday that the Government was punishing students with its proposal to limit the rise in grants to 4 per cent (the Press Association reports).

Decision on 'Times' next week

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That was interpreted by Mr Arthur Brittenden, corporate relations director of News International, the parent company, as meaning that the chairman would not allow any negotiations to be prolonged beyond Monday night.

He said that if there were important problems which had not been resolved by Monday, then the company would be considering its position on Tuesday.

The board of Times Newspapers Holdings Ltd will meet on Tuesday, when directors, including the five independent national directors, will receive a report on progress in the negotiations with the unions.

It is unlikely, however, that the board will discuss the issue of the transfer of the titles of the two newspapers to News International, as the board meeting last week determined that any decision on the titles would be deferred until the present crisis was resolved.

Mr Murdoch said at the airport: "We have made a lot of progress. A lot of chapels have had successful negotiations, but the original figures we asked for still stand."

Those demands were for a reduction of 600 full-time posts on *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* and 980 part-time shifts a week.

There are no plans for formal meetings over the weekend and although Mr Murdoch is remaining in London it is understood that he does not intend to become personally involved in meetings. However, union leaders expect to be in touch with the company as the new deadline of Monday approaches.

Several chapels have secured provisional agreements with the company for job reductions, including the National Graphical Association machine managers at *The Sunday Times* and several areas where the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades has members. Those are in addition to the reduction of 100 jobs which the company announced had been agreed with four of the unions.

Children taken to ski in Alps by novices

By David Hewson

Parents who pay for their children to go on expensive school skiing breaks in Europe may be committing them into the hands of unqualified "instructors" whose experience of the *piste* is confined to the local plastic slope back in Britain.

Inquiries by *The Times* have shown that the use of unqualified tutors, banned under international skiing association agreements, is condoned by some tour operators involved in the lucrative school skiing market.

Until a serious accident occurs the children and their teachers may never know, since the basic tuition given may be satisfactory. But the dangers of using unqualified staff in rapidly changing weather in the Alps, for example, are worrying professional instructors.

One case in which someone without skiing qualifications has taken British schoolchildren on Alpine slopes has come to light. Mr Simon Purchase, who works as a barman and as a part-time instructor on the plastic slope at the Gloucester Ski Centre, recently returned from teaching children on half-term breaks at ski centres in the Italian Alps.

He was employed by the Bristol firm, Hourmont Travel (Bristol), which is heavily involved in school skiing holidays. Neither Mr Purchase nor Hourmont was willing to comment on his job yesterday.

At the Gloucester centre where is once again working, Mr Purchase confirmed that he had been employed by Hourmon for the trip and added: "I am not able to discuss this at the moment. I would just like to leave it at that."

At Hourmont's headquarters Mr Roger Lock, the company's joint managing director, insisted that all the company's instructors had as a minimum qualification the British Association of Ski Instructors Grade 3 certificate. When told about Mr Purchase's employment, Mr Lock said: "I cannot confirm or deny the situation. The person who can has left and will not be back until Tuesday or Wednesday."

Mr Alan Hole, a Grade One BASI instructor and staff coach with the English Ski Council, says he has frequently seen unqualified skiers taking British schoolchildren on European slopes.

Mr Hole, who knows Mr Purchase, said: "When Simon got the job teaching in Italy, some people at the centre thought it was marvellous. I was horrified.

"It is not their skiing abilities that worry me; what I am concerned about is that these people are not trained in mountain work. To teach skiing on a plastic slope in a field in Gloucestershire is safe enough but for him to go abroad doing this in the Alps is bloody wrong."

Controversy about unqualified tutors being involved in school work has been bubbling within skiing circles for some time, though hard evidence about the practice has been difficult to find because no organization polices ski instruction.

Miss Hazel Bain, secretary of the British Association of Ski Instructors, said she had heard that young unqualified skiers were being used as tutors by some companies, but she had no evidence of it.

Mr John Shedden, director of coaching with the English Ski Council, the umbrella body representing clubs and schools, said: "I know Alan Hole and I accept that he is speaking from valid personal experience. We have had no complaints about the standard of ski instruction but the problem is that we would not get a complaint until something had happened."

Mr Hole believes that the problem arises from the growing number of plastic slopes around the country, which give young people a degree of proficiency in skiing and a hankering to ski on snow cheaply.

Anyone without an instructor's licence should be unable to work on foreign slopes because of international skiing association agreements. But Mr Hole said those could be easily by-passed in areas where licences were rarely checked.

Mr Peter Hopkins, managing director of the Schools Abroad tour company, said: "We know for a fact that this is happening, just through talking to schools and representatives. There have been some pretty worrying stories coming back from companies where people have been taken on just because they are competent skiiers."

New Ulster MP may be future leader of his party

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Rev Martin Smyth, the newly elected MP for Belfast, South, has taken a long time to emerge on to the Westminster scene, considering how long he has been an important figure in the often turbulent world of Ulster Unionist politics.

Chosen as the man most likely to hold Belfast, South, in a by-election which at the start did not look promising for the demoralized Official Unionists, he is now seen as the man most likely eventually to succeed Mr James Molyneaux in the party leadership.

Yesterday, however, he was quick to reject the Rev Ian Paisley's claim that he would be going for Mr Molyneaux's job. "Mr Paisley has talked through his hat on more than one occasion", he said. "I am quite satisfied that Jim Molyneaux is giving the leadership that we need".

He was chosen by the party hierarchy as the strongest candidete to keep the present leadership afloat in a by-election it could not afford to lose. His candidature was also interpreted as an attempt by the leadership to hinder any possible challenge to Mr Molyneaux from Mr Harold McCusker, MP for Armagh.

Mr Smyth's victory in his first attempt at a Westminster seat will give Mr Molyneaux's leadership a much needed boost. That leadership has been criticized for months because of its apparent impotence in the face of the apparently relentless advance of Mr Paisley's brash Democratic Unionist Party.

The new MP was born 50 years ago into a staunchly "loyalist" working-class family in Belfast and was educated in Londonderry and Dublin. He has combined a career in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland with leadership of the Orange Order, of which he is Imperial Grand Master, and activities within the Official Unionist Party, where he has lately been director of information.

He has promised that on election as an MP he will give up his post as minister of the Alexander Congregation in north Belfast.

Mr Smith neither drinks nor smokes. He is married with two children, Rosemary, aged 23, a medical student, and Heather, aged 20, who is studying physics at a polytechnic. A third daughter died in a car accident some years ago.

His position in the Orange Order is a source of strength as is his clerical collar in a province where "For God and Ulster" is still a rallying cry.

He is quoted is having said he entered politics when he realized how severely Ulster Protestants were being criticized all over the world as bigots who would not give Roman Catholics a place in government. But until yesterday his only electoral contest had been in 1975, when he got more than 15,000 votes in south Belfast at the convention election.

He represents the old-style Unionism, quiet and reflective, but is a hard-liner on security and emphatic that nothing must be don to weaken the union with Britain. Several party members say he is close to the integrationist wing, but he says he is in favour of devolution with majority rule.

He has a habit when faced with reporters of giving convoluted rather than pithy replies to questions. He is also seen as being rather cold, but the calculating manner that many say they see in him is perhaps exactly what the official Unionists want now.

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HATHAWAY TREASURES STOLEN

From Arthur Osman
Stratford-on-Avon

More than 60 "irreplaceable" artifacts, many from the sixteenth century, were stolen yesterday by thieves who broke into Anne Hathaway's cottage at Shottery, near Stratford-on-Avon.

A senior Warwickshire police officer said it was feared that the property would be taken abroad, possibly to the United States, and sold to private dealers when its connexion with Shakespeare was revealed.

The gang escaped in a van under cover of thick fog. There have been several thefts from country houses recently in south Warwickshire.

Among the items stolen yesterday was a long case clock, the Hathaway family pewter, Tudor wooden trenchers, chairs, brass and copper utensils and the family bible box. The half-timbered thatched cottage was extensively restored in 1970 after a man, later jailed for four years, had set it on fire. The cottage is said to have appeared on more chocolate box covers than any other building in the world.

A security officer checked it at 9 pm on Thursday. The gang entered later by smashing a leaded side window and, working by torchlight, carried the items to a vehicle parked in a road alongside. Dr Levi Fox, rector of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, said: "I have decided not to hazard any guess about the value of the stolen items. They belonged to successive generations of the Hathaway family until 1892, when the cottage was acquired by the trust to be preserved as a national memorial.

"The sad thing is that part of our national heritage has been assaulted. The stolen items are a major loss to this country's historical treasures and are irreplaceable."

MORE COMPLAIN ABOUT POLICE

An increasing number of people are making complaints against the Metropolitan Police, according to a Home Office report published yesterday. It says that black people and older Asians make proportionately more complaints against police than whites do.

The report, by the Home Office's research and planning unit, concludes that there are several explanations for the increase, including a better knowledge of the police complaints procedure.

Prosser jury see cell

The judge and jury in the Barry Prosser murder trial yesterday saw the cell in Winson Green Prison, Birmingham, where Mr Prosser died. Three prison officers, Mervyn Jackson, Eric Smith and Howard Price, all deny murdering him. The trial continues on Monday.

Shore demands reflation

By Our Political Editor

The Budget next week should address the enormous waste of human, physical and financial resources that characterizes the economy in 1982, Mr Peter Shore, the Labour shadow Chancellor, said at Connah's Quay, Clwyd, last night.

With more than three million people unemployed, factories working below capacity and a total of £9,000m likely to have been invested overseas last year, the aim should be to bring together the idle capital and labour and underused capacity to create output, wealth and jobs.

The Chancellor must abandon his public sector borrowing target and allow the throttled economy to breathe.

Mr Shore said the prospect of a fourth Budget from Sir Geoffrey Howe was as welcome as a visit to a dentist whose equipment and training had not changed since the 1930s.

☐ Mr Norman St John-Stevas, the former Conservative minister, speaking in Skegness, said that the next general election might turn on the Budget's provisions. The provision of hope and the creation of a united party were essential.

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Science report

How body's defence can attack itself

By the Staff of "Nature"

An important clue to the cause of Chagas's disease, the South American version of African sleeping sickness, has been uncovered by immunologists at St George's Hospital Medical School in London. Their work suggests that the damage to the nervous system caused by this infectious disease, from which at least 12 million people suffer, may be a consequence of the immunological characteristics shared by nerve cells and the infecting organisms.

Chagas's disease is caused by infection with *Trypanosoma cruzi*, single-celled animals of the same genus as the trypanosomes responsible for African sleeping sickness. In South America the infectious agents are carried by bed-bugs and in Africa by tsetse flies.

Chagas infection destroys substantial parts of the peripheral and central nervous system, together with the heart muscle.

Because there is nothing to suggest that the cells of these tissues are especially susceptible to direct infection by parasites, it is thought that the damage may be done by some abnormal reaction by an infected person's immune defences, to the infecting organism.

This theory seems to have been confirmed by the use of one of the newest techniques of molecular immunology—that for making monoclonal antibodies which act against molecules carried on the surfaces of some cells.

The reserach is reported by Dr L. Hudson of St George's and by J. N. Wood, now at the Wellcome Research Laboratories; T. M. Jessell, now at the Harvard Medical School, and M. Yamumoto, now at the University of Tsukuba in Japan.

The crucial observation is that the same monoclonal antibody (one of several prepared from the rat's nervous tissues) will act both against both the nervous system cells damaged in Chagas's disease and the infecting organisms. Cells of tissues unaffected in Chagas's disease did not react with the antibody.

The implication is that cells affected in Chagas's disease carry on their surfaces a chemical which is for practical purposes identical to one carried by the trypanosomes. Thus the body's natural response to infection would also destroy those of its own cells carrying the same chemicals.

From this point of view, the consequences of Chagas's disease are not so much those of an infection as of an autoimmune disease—one in which the body's immune defences are turned against themselves. Rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis and myasthenia gravis may also be such conditions.

The researchers say it is not yet clear whether the autoimmune disease is a direct consequence of infection or of some other sequel to it. But they do suggest that their identification of an effective monoclonal antibody should make it possible to identify the chemical characteristics of the tissues damaged by disease. Their work is also certain to stimulate the search for similar mechanisms in other degenerative tropical diseases.

Source: *Nature*, March 4, 1982 (Volume 296, page 34).

ELIZABETH TAYLOR GETS OVATION

Elizabeth Taylor made her London stage debut last night and was given an ovation by a packed audience. She was appearing in *The Little Foxes* at the Victoria Palace theatre. The first preview performance was a gala charity occasion in aid of MIND, the mental health charity.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 28; Bahrain BD 0.650; Belgium B frs 40; Canada $2.50; Canaries Pes 125; Cyprus 550 mils; Denmark Dkr 7; Dubai Dir 7.00; Finland Mkk 7.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 80; Holland Gl 3.25; Iran IR 135; Iraq LD 0.500; Irish Republic 30p; Italy L 800; Jordan LD 0.425; Kuwait KD .450; Lebanon LL 4.00; Luxembourg Lf 35; Madeira Esc 75; Malta 30c; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 7.50; Oman OR 0.700; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 90; Qatar QR 7.50; Saudi Arabia SR 4.50; Singapore $5.00; Spain Pes 125; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Syria L$5.50; Tunisia Din 600; USA $1.50; UAE Dir 7.00; Yugoslavia Din 50

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Problems in Garden of England

UNEMPLOYMENT

Initiatives on the needs of Kent and the South East of England should come from the localities and Government departments would be ready to respond, Mr John MacGregor, Under Secretary of State for Industry, said when he replied to a debate in the Commons on unemployment in the area.

He explained that he did not think a case had been made out at present for assisted area status for North Kent. The Government was always prepared, where there was evidence of permanent structural decline relative to other parts of the country, to introduce new assisted area status for any travel-to-work area.

He was replying to a debate in which Mr Roger Moate (Faversham, C) moved a motion, on which debate was adjourned, calling on the Government to stimulate activity in the unemployment blackspots of North and North-East Kent, to improve the road infrastructure and encourage the development of tourism and leisure industries.

Mr Moate said there was an illusion in the rest of the country, which he wanted to dispel, that the Garden of England was a land of milk and honey unaffected by the problems that beset Britain as an industrial nation.

Kent and the South-East had the same problems of industrial change and the decline of traditional industries as the rest of the country, with the social consequences which followed. Sheerness had an unemployment rate of 17.5 per cent, Chatham 14.6 per cent and Margate more than 18 per cent.

The closure of the Chatham Dockyard would mean the area would have a 22 per cent unemployment rate. The Government's decision, which he thought had been a serious mistake, had brought a sense of crises to the area.

Mr Archibald Hamilton (Epsom and Ewell, C) said if the trade unions were concerned about the number of unemployed they would press for shorter hours for less money. The business of parading around the streets was little more than bogus hypocrisy.

Mr John Wells (Maidstone, C) said that it was essential that local government played its proper part. In Kent they enjoyed — he supposed they enjoyed — a Conservative county council who huffed and puffed, but one great thing local government could do was to get the rates down.

To do that they needed to look at their own foolish expenditure and pare it as tight as they could. Yet the council had created three roundabouts to make it easier for its staff to get to and from their places of employment.

It was myth to believe that private flying was good for business and 90 per cent of company aircraft were maintained for dirty weekends. The need for them was a bogus argument put up by various company chairmen and their assistants.

Kent County Council should have created an industrial estate at West Malling airfield instead of supporting flying from there.

Sir Frederick Burden (Gillingham, C) said the closure of the Chatham Dockyard would mean the direct loss of 9,600 jobs with more following from the knock-on effect. It was a disaster for the area and the problems could not be resolved by talk of transferring workers to Devonport and Rosyth.

Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, C) said unemployment black spots in Kent had problems every bit as serious as the worst areas in Britain. But Kent got no help because it was in the prosperous South-East. Traditional industries had declined. With just a little financial help to get over its temporary difficulties, Kent would almost certainly show a dividend.

Sir Albert Costain (Folkestone and Hythe, C) said a decision on the Channel Tunnel was badly needed.

Mr John Prescott, Opposition spokesman on regional affairs (Kingston upon Hull, East, Lab), said the fact that the West Midlands and South-East England were candidates for the development area status was a situation where Britain was well and truly on the dole. The interventionist policy had to be much more flexible.

Mr Timothy Brinton (Gravesend, C) said that he was not convinced that Chatham Dockyard would close because of the defence argument that the nuclear submarines could not be serviced only at Devonport.

Mr Jonathan Aitken (East Thanet, C) said that most major employers in his area had indicated that they had or would be expanding and taking on more labour.

Mr John MacGregor, replying to the debate, said some workers could expect to retire before the Chatham dockyard closed, and this was expected in 1984. It was hoped that others would be offered jobs elsewhere, or in other dockyards or other government departments.

Many of those facing redundancy had valuable skills easily transferable to other industries and would be an asset in any future industrial development.

The historic part of the dockyard was of unique interest. There were possibilities of developing a cultural tourist museum centre in it. The Government aimed to make surplus land and buildings available for disposal as soon as possible.

The Relief from Forfeiture Bill, to provide relief from forfeiture of inheritance and other rights by convicted persons, was read a second time.

Former director of Amnesty asked to return

By Michael Horsnell

A move to oust the council of Amnesty International's British section after the resignation of Mr Jeremy Thorpe, the former Liberal leader, will be made at the annual meeting later this month.

Although relieved at Mr Thorpe's decision to resign as director, many of the 19,000 members are angry about the original decision to appoint him. Yesterday an invitation was issued to Miss Janet Johnstone, the American who was acting director before the appointment, to succeed him in the £14,000-a-year post.

Miss Johnstone, aged 36, runner-up on the short list for the job last month after a vote by the council, was telephoned in California by Mr Dennis Woodman, the British section's treasurer.

Miss Johnstone, who has the support of the 11 staff, said: "I am flattered by the invitation but I have asked for two or three days to make up my mind. The invitation was as much a surprise to me as was Mr Thorpe's appointment."

She is a former director of the San Francisco branch of Amnesty, and was taking a master's degree in political science at the University of California when she was appointed acting director eight months ago.

Miss Johnstone added: "It is an important post and the section now needs to have a thorough look at itself."

The decision to approach her was made after hurried consultations between members of the section's executive committee and the international committee.

The position of M Roget Briottet, chairman of the section, remained in doubt yesterday as the move to oust the 25 members on the council was mounted. M Briottet, who supported Mr Thorpe's appointment throughout, was in Munich on personal business and not available for comment.

Meanwhile the staff expressed regret at the tone of Mr Thorpe's resignation. He spoke of pettiness and prejudice among his opponents and said that his most vociferous critics were unrepresentative of rank and file members.

It remained uncertain last night whether the move against M Briottet and the council would take the form of a motion of no confidence or censure.



Angela Conner, the sculptor (left), supervizing preparations for the dedication today of the Yalta Victims Memorial, constructed by her, in Thurloe Square, London, to the people forcibly repatriated to the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia between 1944 and 1947.

France sees jobless as biggest test for Europe

From Ian Murray, Brussels, March 5

M Pierre Mauroy, the French Prime Minister, made clear his priorities here today. The real problem facing Europe, he emphasized, was not the size of Britain's budget contribution, but the scale of unemployment in the Community.

"We are not suffering from too much Europe, but because there is not enough Europe," he said. What was needed to solve the unemployment crisis facing the EEC was a vision of a European dimension.

M Mauroy could spare only a quarter of an hour to meet the press during his two-day visit to Brussels and he spent most of that time emphasizing the need for a concerted effort to cure unemployment. He spoke of the British budget contribution only when specifically asked about it by a British journalist.

But the whole purpose of his visit was to underline the need for a fresh impetus to the Community to revive ideals and to get priorities right. So great was his professed idealism that he was able almost to overlook the fact that France had been convicted by the European Court that very day of failing to match the European spirit in frfusing to allow Italian wine to enter France without let or hindrance.

The court ruling, perhaps mischievously timed for release at exactly the moment M Mauroy was due to arrive in the Commission building, is designed to make it extremely difficult for France to block Italian wine imports at the border.

It provisionally orders the French customs to do away with the bureaucratic procedures which have been exploited over the past year to slow up the free circulation of Italian wine into France and which have led to a series of acrimonious exchanges between the two Governments.

M Mauroy brushed that judgment aside, suggesting that the difficulties all arose because the Commission so far had failed to respond to a French request that the wine market be reorganized to take account of quality.

Equally, M Mauroy discounted any idea that in its plans to reconquer the French internal market by aiding ailing industries his Government was being protectionist.

M Mauroy showed that he was looking to the Commission to be more forthcoming in making suggestions about how to solve the problems of Europe. "In the view of the French Government," he said, "the Commission should not hesitate about putting forward political proposals. It should not just see itself as a guardian of the treaty.

"What we are looking for is a future with dynamism and a political will. We would propose a revival of Europe."

This was, a hidden reference to Britain. Although he would not take in any detail about the British budget problem, M Mauroy made it clear that the French idea of a Europe looking towards quarter unity was in marked contrast to what he saw as the British idea of a Europe being asked to subsidize British economic failure.

"Europe has its problems which have to be dealt with", he said when asked about the British problem. "But we cannot bring Europe to a halt."

France was prepared to make proposals about the British budget problem, which would involve help for a number of years. But there was no doubt that for him that unemployment, and not Britain, posed the biggest challenge to the Community.

Ministers reject state audit

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Cabinet ministers have decided that it would be "catastrophic" to allow the Comptroller and Auditor General to carry out a full public audit of nationalized industry accounts.

The issue, which is being pressed in a Commons motion signed by 287 MPs of all parties, has been examined by the Cabinet's economic strategy committee and will undoubtedly be discussed again. But it was authoritatively stated this week that ministers would stand firm; they would not allow the comptroller's staff from the Exchequer and Audit Department into the nationalized industries.

If they did so, it is said with feeling, no management decision could be taken without executives continually looking over their shoulders; it would make good management inoperable.

Every decision in Whitehall is taken in the knowledge that Sir Gordon Downey, the comptroller, might eventually demand a fully documented explanation years later. While the constraints of accountability are accepted in the Civil Service, such a system would be intolerable in any commercial operation.

Mr Edward du Cann, senior chairman of the Commons network of select committees, this week insisted that if the Treasury refused to give way then a Commons debate would be forced and ministers could be voted down on the matter.

The MP, who is also chairman of the Conservative backbench 1922 Committee, said that the comptroller should have the right to follow public money wherever it went.

He was referring particularly to recent complaints about Leyland Vehicles' disposal of its tractor division at Bathgate, Scotland, which is being investigated by the Public Accounts Committee. Sir Peter Carey, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Industry, will be giving evidence in private session to the committee on Monday.

It has also been alleged that British Leyland has raised £75m from the sale of assets over the last two years, lowering their value by as much as a third in the rush to gain extra revenue.

It was also disclosed this week that the Leyland Vehicles sale of the tractor division was considered so insignificant commercially that the matter did not even go before the full BL board.

Anti-hunt body may aid alliance

By Hugh Clayton

The League Against Cruel Sports may switch its support in the next general election campaign from the Labour Party to an anti-hunting pressure group in the Liberal-SDP Alliance. Mr Richard Course, executive director of the league, said yesterday: "We are considering very sympathetically giving them some money".

The non-political league, which is one of the largest animal charities, caused controversy in the 1979 campaign by giving £80,000 to the Labour Party. The money was given because the party said in its manifesto that "legislation to end cruelty to animals will include the banning of hare coursing and stag and deer hunting".

Mr Course said yesterday that Labour defectors to the Social Democrats included many campaigners for animal welfare and opponents of hunting. He would be surprised if the SDP's policy for the next election did not include a commitment to ban hare-coursing and stag-hunting.

The body to which the league, which has more than 18,000 members and expects to receive an income of £300,000 this year, is considering giving its support to a new group called Liberals and Social Democrats against Blood Sports. The league recently had one of its greatest successes when Co-operative Wholesale Society, Britain's largest independent owner of farmland, banned hunting with hounds on all its 30,000 acres.

The ban was decided after months of lobbying by an internal pressure group called Co-operators against Blood Sports which was set up inside the Co-operative movement with financial help from the league.

Mr Course made clear that for the next election the league was likely to finance the anti-hunting group in the Liberal-SDP Alliance rather than the alliance itself.

He reported that the league had won a settlement out of court in which the North Cornwall Hunt paid £375 to a farming family near Bodmin whose pet cat died when hounds entered the farmhouse garden almost six months ago. He said that the hounds had killed the cat and he offered free legal help to anyone who wanted to pursue claims for damages against hunts for the loss of animals.

Dispute over gliders to go to air authority

By Ronald Faux

The dispute between gliders and hang gliders about the air space above Dunstable Downs is to be taken to the Civil Aviation Authority by Bedfordshire County Council.

The council which owns Totternhoe Pastures, on the downs, from which hang gliders launch, has decided not to appeal against a magistrates' decision that a local bylaw under which three hang glider pilots have been summoned was ambiguous and biased in favour of the London Gliding Club.

Mr John Jeffries, chief flying instructor and manager of the club, has complained that having hang gliders taking off and flying close to the airfield used for 50 years by the London Club was most unsafe. "It is as if a flying club had opened up at the end of the main runway at Luton airport. A fatal collision is more probable than possible", he said.

The council's legal department admitted that once a hang glider was airborne it was no longer the council's responsibility.

"The skill of the hang glider pilots and the technology of their aircraft have improved from the days when hang gliding was really a form of aerial tobogganing. They now fly up to five or six thousand feet, competing for the same updraft as the gliders, and there is a real risk of collision. That becomes a matter for the Civil Aviation Authority", a spokesman said.

The council is also concerned at the risk to the thousands of people who come at weekends to the Dunstable Downs to watch the flying.

Resist staff cuts with strikes, Nalgo urges

By David Walker

The National and Local Government Officers Association (Nalgo) yesterday urged local authority white-collar workers who are affected by councils' attempts to cut expenditure to go on "indefinite and total" strike.

The union's local government group, representing 500,000 staff, met in London and approved a strategy of defending jobs by local strike action. The union expects its branches to take immediate action if any members are dismissed for cost-cutting reasons.

The union "considers that the Government would be forced to reconsider its position if some local autho rities were brought to a complete standstill by trade union action". Nalgo's opposition to contracting out council services to private firms was reiterated.

But Mr Michael Blick, chairman of Nalgo's national local government committee, said those plans were not a national blueprint; they affected relatively four areas. Nalgo's branches would decide for themselves how to make the "maximum impact on the authorities that are making the decisions unpalatable to the union".

As he stood up to speak, Mr Blick, a prominent member of the Social Democratic Party, was hissed by a section of the 1,200 delegates. Nalgo is engaged in a controversial ballot over affilition to the Labour Party.

Later the meeing applauded a reference to the "anti-trade union lunacy of the SDP in Islington" and voted with few dissenters to support the strike of 2,000 Nalgo members employed by that borough. A motion to backdate strike pay for Islington members was also approved by a wide margin.

Mr David Burn, representing Islington's Nalgo branch, blamed the SDP-controlled council's "provocative attitude" for the strike.

He said: "The SDP wants to take Nalgo on, and they have just been seeking pretexts.

"We have seen the council's plans for its 1982-83 budgets; there is a threat of 500 compulsory redundancies. If we win they will think twice before embarking on cuts of that magnitude."

Mr Robert Forde, another representative of Islington, denied the action in the borough constituted a political strike against the council. The SDP at national level was embarrassed by Islington council, he said.

Actress cleared of fixing charity competition

From Our Correspondent, Manchester

Miss Julie Goodyear, the Coronation Street television actress, was acquitted yesterday of fixing a competition in aid of her cancer research fund. On the fifth day of the trial at Manchester Crown Court, in which she and two other women denied conspiracy to defraud, Judge Basil Gerrard directed the jury to return verdicts of not guilty on them.

He said he had been unable to find any evidence in the case corroborating that given by William Clarke and Roger Forster, who had taken part in "this dishonest enterprise" and had already pleaded guilty and been sentenced.

"In my view there is no evidence which I could put before you as capable of being solid evidence of corroboration. It would be wrong for persons such as these, who are of good character, and who must be enduring quite a lot, to make them go through the hoop for a further four or five days when in the end your decision is bound to be not guilty."



Miss Goodyear after her acquittal yesterday.

Miss Goodyear, aged 39, of Rochdale Road East, Heywood, Manchester, her former secretary, Miss Janet Ross, aged 28, of Berwick Road, Blackpool, and Miss Victoria Monatague, aged 24, of Gloucester Street, Atherton, Lancashire, had all denied conspiring to defraud the public over the running of a competition to aid Miss Goodyear's cancer research fund.

The prosecution alleged that because insufficient tickets were sold to pay for the prize of a Japanese car, the winner was chosen beforehand and the vehicle sold, with the proceeds going to the fund.

Miss Goodyear said outside the court: "I have been inundated with messages of good will from fans. There have been flowers, telegrams, cards and letters."

Murder no bar to pension

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Women who have murdered their husbands will be able to get financial relief under the provisions of a Bill which had its second reading without debate in the Commons yesterday.

The Bill lays down that where any widowed mother's allowance, or widow's pension under the Social Security Act, 1980, by reason only "of her having become a widow by her own unlawful act, she might apply to court for relief".

The court will be able to grant such relief, "having regard to all the circumstances".

The Bill, sponsored by Mr William Homewood, Labour MP for Kettering, generally provides for relief from forfeiture of inheritance and other rights by convicted persons. It seeks to amend the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act, 1975, to enable courts to give financial help in special cases.

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Two resign in rating protest

The leader of the Labour-controlled Merseyside County Council, Mr James Stuart-Cole, resigned yesterday over the fixing of the rate precept for next year. Mr Jack Girshman, the deputy leader, also resigned, over a move to set council expenditure at £159m, £29m in excess of the top figure laid down by the Government.

Mr Stuart-Cole, aged 66, said later that he had wanted a more moderate budget. "I did not want to lead my group into the possibility of government surcharges through over-spending, so as a matter of principle I decided to go."

He will remain a council member. A new leader and deputy leader will be chosen by ballot at an emergency meeting of the Labour group tomorrow.

A final decision on the budget will be taken at the county council meeting on Tuesday.

Ban on Bathgate overtime ends

The ban on overtime working imposed by the 2,000 employees at the British Leyland factory at Bathgate in Scotland, where 800 men were made redundant last week and where more redundancies are planned, is to be lifted.

The workforce decided by a two-to-one majority yesterday to accept a shop stewards' recommendation to end the ban and other industrial sanctions, which had lasted for two years. Mr Christopher Bett, the shop steward vice-convener, said the agreement was conditional on five-day working in all parts of the factory. "The company asked us to lift the ban and we reluctantly agreed to make the recommendation."

£4.6m grant to Family Fund

The Government is to pay £4.6m this year to the Family Fund, which gives financial help to families with severely handicaped children. The grant will enable the fund to continue giving families grants at the same overall level as last year.

The grant was announced yesterday by Mr Hugh Rossi, Minister for the Disabled, during a visit to the Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust, which administers the fund.

Ulster sea link restored

The ferry service linking Liverpool and Belfast will begin again at the end of this month, restoring England's only sea link with Ulster five months after P & O closed its loss-making service.

Belfast Car Ferries Ltd will use the Irish Continental Line vessel, St Columb, for the daily sailing, creating 220 new jobs immediately.

Rail diversion fare cut

British Rail has agreed to cut the fare from Leeds to Glasgow via York and Edinburgh to compensate for the diversion of Nottingham to Glasgow services away from West Yorkshire in May.

South Africa releases black union leader

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg, March 5

South African security police have released Mr Thozamile Gqweta, the country's best known black trade union leader, after three months in detention without trial. Two weeks ago he was moved under guard from prison to a psychiatric ward at a Johannesburg hospital.

Friends said that Mr Gqweta, who at the time of his transfer to hospital was described by his brother Robert as suffering from amnesia, severe headaches and difficulty in speaking, was still not well. They hoped he would recover on being reunited with his family.

Mr Gqweta was first released on Wednesday afternoon, but was rearrested the next morning by Ciskei security police at his home in Mdantsane Township. He was free later the same day.

Mdantsane is 10 miles to the north-west of East London, where Mr Gqweta's union is based, but it is just inside Ciskei, one of four tribal homelands or Bantustans to have accepted "independence" from the South African Government. Mr Gqweta is president of the South African Allied Workers' Union, which is one of the biggest and most militant black trade unions in the country. It campaigned strongly against Ciskei's "independence", which overnight turned hundreds of thousands of Xhosa-speaking South Africans into Ciskei citizens whether they liked it or not.

Three white victims of the security laws have also been released. They are Mrs Esther Levitan, a member of Black Sash, an organization of middle-class white housewives opposed to apartheid and works to improve the lot of blacks; Miss Linda Bernhardt, a manager of black pop groups, and Mr Ralph Wortley, director of the careers guidance unit at the University of the Witwatersrand.

White MPs may join Mugabe

From Stephen Taylor
Salisbury, March 5

Mr Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, appears ready to appoint more whites to his Cabinet after the split yesterday in Mr Ian Smith's Republican Front (RF).

The Prime Minister was considering appointing at least one minister and one deputy minister from the seven MPs who resigned from the party to become Independents, sources said.

Last month, when he met constituents of Mr Christopher Andersen, one of the rebels, he indicated that there might be room in the Cabinet for whites who distanced themselves from Mr Smith and the RF.

Any such appointments would be welcomed by the business community at a time when white morale is low. Mr Dennis Norman, the Minister of Agriculture, has been the only white minister since Mr David Smith who was Minister of Trade and Commerce, resigned for health reasons in the middle of last year.

Mr Dennis Norman: Only white minister.

The Public Works portfolio is vacant, having been relinquished by Mr Clement Muchachi during the coalition crisis two weeks ago.

Two more MPs appear likely to join the rebellion against RF policy and Mr Smith's leadership. One is out of the country and the other confirmed tonight that he would be considering his position this weekend. Their resignations would reduce RF representation in Parliament to eight, against nine Independents.

The RF's strength had already been reduced from 20 entrenched white seats by the detention of Mr Wally Stuttaford, the exile in Britain of Mr Denis Walker and the emigration of another MP who has not yet been replaced.

Portuguese censure motion fails

Lisbon, March 5. — The Democratic Alliance Government of Senhor Francisco Pinto Balsemao, the Prime Minister, today survived the first censure motion in Portugal's six-year-old democracy.

At the end of two days' debate on the socialist motion, the Alliances three right-wing parties voted unanimously to reject the document, outvoting the combined Opposition by 130 to 116 votes.

The coalition, which includes Senhor Pinto Balsemao's Social Democrats, the Christian Democrats led by Senhor Diogo Freitas do Anaral, the Defence Minister, and the Monarchists, hold an 18-seat majority in the 250-seat chamber. Four alliance deputies were not present for the vote.

In the debate Senhor Mario Soares, the Socialist leader, said that the seven-month-old executive, the coalitions third in two years, had acted to protect interest groups such as the church, the military and private business. "The Alliance has no project for portuguese society, (it is) only a cartel of fixed interests" he said. But Senhor Pinto Balsemao said that the Socialist Party was in disarray. When they were in power the Socialists governed badly, The Alliance was doing a better job, he said — AP.

Storm-hit Tonga to get aid

Wellington, March 5.—The search continued today for scores of people missing after Cyclone Isaac battered the Tonga Islands. Property damage was said to be almost total in some outlying areas, with food crops badly hit.

A New Zealand Navy frigate the Taranaki equipped with helicopters and a full emergency hospital, left for Tonga tonight with Red Cross emergency blood supplies. It is expected to reach Tonga on March 8.

King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, said today that "several dozen people" may have died in the hurricane, which he described as "the worst in the country's history".

A New Zealand Air Force reconnaisance flight reported that the central Ha'apai group's outer islands were worst hit by the 90-knot winds.

Mr Robert Muldoon, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, said that food, temporary shelter and water would be the most pressing need for the islands.

Taranaki will provide assistance to th outlying, less accessible islands. It is also hoped to send some Andover aircraft and helicopter flights into the Ha'apri group", he said.

The air survey showed that 80 per cent of the buildings in the capital Nuku'alofa had been damaged.

In the northern Vava'u group, 40 per cent of the buildings were damaged, although some islands were hit more severely.

Australian Air Force Hercules transport aircraft have also been flying in emergency supplies.—AFP

□ Nairobi: More than 54,000 people made homeless by three recent cyclones in Madagascar are being accommodated in 218 emergency relief camps near the capital, Antananarivo, officials of the United Nations Children's Fund said at their regional office here.

The full extent of disaster caused by cyclones Benedict, Electra and Frida is now emerging as the floodwaters recede (Charles Harrison writes). Up to 70 per cent of the homeless are children under 12, officials estimated, and emergency camps will be needed for months to come.

Italy says spy sub was from Russia

Rome. — The submarine spotted in Italian waters off the southern port of Taranto was a Soviet Viktor class vessel and it was not there by accident, Señor Lelio Lagorio, the Italian Defence Minister, said in Parliament yesterday.

Madrid MP investigated for decrying coup trial

From Richard Wigg, Madrid, March 5

The military authorities have opened an investigation into remarks by Señor Alfonso Guerra, parliamentary leader of the Socialist Party and vice-chairman of Spain's main opposition force, that the coup court martial now in its third week was "going to be a farce".

After almost a month, the Supreme Council of Military Justice yesterday ordered a military investigating magistrate to start preliminary proceedings, which could lead to a military trial of Señor Guerra, if Parliament agrees to waive his immunity.

He allegedly made the remarks in an interview with EFE, the state news agency. He is in Italy at the moment, leading a party delegation.

The investigation decision has caused despondency among both government and opposition politicians, who have recently bent over backwards to allow the council to get on with trying those accused of being involved in the coup plot

Señor Guerra's remarks caused consternation, breaking as they did a self-imposed ban by politicians. If the military decides to seek to try a leading MP, a conflict is trhreatened between the armed forces and Parliament, sovereign under the 1978 constiution and the principal victim of the coup bid.

Señor Guerra's remarks were denounced by the Degence Ministry spokesman as "an intolerable interference with military justice", but the lack of any follow-up led to hopes that wiser counsels had prevailed. The spokesman, an army colonel, subsequently testified in favour of one of the principal figures accused at the court martial.

Until now Parliament has only waived immunity from prosecutions and with marked reluctance, for representatives of the Basque extreme left.

Israeli hail new era in relations with France

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem, March 5

President François Mitterrand left Israel today at the end of an historic state visit that was hailed as a success by both sides, despite its complete failure to reconcile wide and longstanding differences over the Palestinian issue.

During an impressive farewell ceremony at Tel Aviv airport, Mr Yitzhak Navon, the Israeli President, paid a brief but glowing tribute to the first French head of state to visit the country since its foundation. He said that M Mitterrand had captured the hearts of all Israelis, and turned a hope into a reality by dispersing the clouds over the relationship between the two countries.

Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, was unable to attend the ceremony, after being taken ill during last night's presidential banquet at the King David Hotel. But initial fears that he might have suffered another heart attack were dispelled when he resumed official duties this morning by meeting M Claude Cheysson, French Foreign Minister.

A Government statement said that the Prime Minister had suffered from "accumulated fatigue", and added that he would be resuming normal duties in his office on Sunday.

Mr Begin is also suffering from a troublesome hip injury, which has kept him confined to a wheelchair for the past four months. He has already survived two heart attacks and a minor stroke.

Israeli officials described the visit tonight as "opening a new era in Franco-Israeli relations". They pointed out a number of concrete developments in bilateral ties which, it is claimed, have finally removed the anti-Israeli bias of French policy under President Giscard d'Estaing.

among the agreements reached is the revival of the France-Israeli joint commission, which has been dormant for more than 10 years. It will resume discussions in Paris at the end of next month on cooperation in the fields of finance, culture and technology.

The French also announced today that Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Foreign Minister, had accepted an invitation to pay an official visit to Paris, provisionally scheduled for May. But there was no sign that a similar invitation would be extended in the near future to Mr Begin.

Little has yet been said publicly about the possible resumption of arms sales, but Israeli sources claim that a meeting between Mr Ariel Sharon, the Defence Minister, and his French counterpart will take place in the coming months.

Last night, M Mitterrand told the 200-strong press corps that the significance of his visit was that he had succeeded in putting the Palestinian Arab case in Jerusalem. He said that he had wanted to get off his chest his belief that the Palestinians deserved a state of their own.

Some foreign observers have been surprised by the equanimity with which many Israeli officials appear to have received M Mitterrand's pro-Palestinian statements in his Knesset speech. The officials acknowledge the basic difference over the question of a Palestinian state, but express delight that the speech appeared to sound the death knell for the EEC's Middle East initiative.

Before leaving for Paris, M Mitterrand today visited a kibbutz and the old Crusader port of Acre. He was shown the execution chamber in the former Turkish prison, which was used by the British authorities to hang members of the pre-state Jewish underground convicted of terrorist offences.

☐ Cairo: Mr Kamal Hassan Ali, the Egyptian deputy Prime Minister, praised President Mitterrand's speech to the Knesset, saying that it reflected Mr Mitterrand's "work for a global solution to the crisis in the middle East." (AFP reports).

Mr Butros Ghali, the Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, had earlier said that the French President's statements were "a factor encouraging Europe to play a role in the process for a global and just peace in the Middle East".

☐ Tel Aviv: Israeli soldiers detained 23 illegal Jewish squatters who returned to north Sinai after being evicted yesterday in preparation for the territory's return to Egypt next month. (Reuter reports).

Members of the Stop the Withdrawal from Sinai Movement protested outside the Defence Ministry, And 18 were arrested.

Scepticism as Haig evidence vanishes

From Nicholas Ashford Washington, March 5

Mr Alexander Haig, the American Secretary of State, has a credibility problem. There is growing scepticism on Capitol Hill about his claims that insurgency in El Salvador is being controlled by foreigners, notably by the left-wing Sandinista regime in Nicaragua.

Mr Haig's trouble is that either he feels unable for security reasons to disclose information about what is happening in Central America or, when he does give details, his information turns out to be wrong or unconvincing.

Last week he chided the American press for not publishing a photograph which appeared in the French newspaper *Le Figaro*, portraying what were said to be victims of Sandinista oppression. However the State Department later had to concede that the photograph was false.

Yesterday Mr Haig told the House appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations that for the first time a Nicaraguan military adviser who was helping to run the guerrilla operation had been captured in El Salvador.

However Mr Haig's allegation, far from proving his claim about outside involvement, seems to have created additional confusion. President Duarte of El Salvador was later reported as saying he had no information about a Nicaraguan captive, while American news reports from San Salvador said the man Mr Haig may have been alluding to had escaped.

At the daily State Department news conference today an embarrassed spokesman declined to make any comment about what one questioner referred to as the so-called missing prisoner. However he said Mr Haig was sticking by his information which he said was provided by the US embassy in San Salvador and was based on information provided by the Salvadorean authorities.

Mr Clarence Long, the committee's chairman, was not convinced and asked for further information about alleged Nicaraguan activities.

He had recently had talks with Mr Daniel Ortega, head of the Sandinist Government, who had assured him his government was not involved in El Salvador and wanted to have good relations with the U.S.

Mr Long said he found during a recent tour of Central America that American gunboat policy was not making a contribution towards a solution to regional strife. He warned Mr Haig that he would hold up President Reagans new Caribbean Basin aid plan until he received evidence of Nicaraguan subversion.

Mr Haig promised to provide additional evidence today, but the State Department said at this morning's news conference that it was not yet ready.

Mr Haig's charges against Nicaragua have also been disputed by Mr Jaime Wheelock, Nicaraguan Minister of Agriculture, who is visiting Washington. He said that even if the Nicaraguan Government wanted to it did not have the material resources to help in El Salvador.

Gutter arrest: Detective Charles Horsley holding a gun to a man's head in Boston after two people offered to sell him and another officer an unregistered gun. The other suspect surrendered.

Argentina refuses to send troops

Brasilia, March 5.—Argentina has no intention of sending soldiers to El Salvador but does not rule out the possibility of selling arms to the El Salvador Government, Seŏr Nicanor Mendez, the Foreign Minister, said here at the end of an official visit to Brazil.

Speaking at a press conference amid reports of increasingly close ties between Argentina's military regime and the ruling junta in El Salvador, he said: "Argentina ... has no intention of sending soldiers to El Salvador. But El Salvador has an objectively legitimate Government. Argentina has relations with it.

"That Government sometimes asks for aid. Argentina gives such aid as long as it is in accordance with international principles and with the type of aid Argentina gives other countries.

☐ San Salvador: A 10-day battle for control of the Cerro Guazapa hills near San Salvador appeared today to have been won by government troops, although leftist guerrillas said they were carrying on the fight (Reuter reports).

Colonel Edmundo Palacios, commander of a 2,000-strong force which has borne the brunt of the fighting, said yesterday that his troops had gained full control of the hills about 15 miles from the capital, killing 200 guerrillas.

Criticism rejected of Salvador observer

By Our Foreign Staff

The British Govenment has reaffirmed its complete confidence in Sir John Galsworthy, a former ambassador to Mexico, as one of its observers of the El Salvador elections despite strong criticism of his suitability.

In a message to the Foreign Office, Lord Bethell, member of the European Parliament for London North-West, had asked the Government to reconsider its choice of Sir John because of the latter's role in forcibly repatriating thousands of Russians and other East Europeans at the end of the Second World War.

It was essential that anyone sent to monitor the forthcoming elections in El Salvador should have a completely untarnished human rights record. Lord Bethell told *The Times* yesterday . Sir John was quite inappropriate for the delicate task of assessing the ruthlessness of the El Salvador Government, he claimed.

Lord Bethell recalled that Sir John, who retired from the Foreign Office in 1977, was a third secretary in Whitehall in 1945-46 when the British Government carried out its Yalta commitment to Stalin to repatriate Russians from the West.

He quoted from a note written by Sir John, who was then in his mid-twenties, about the case of 42 Russians who had asked to stay in Britain after the war. "They seemed to us to deserve no synmpathy and we think our principal aim where they are concerned should be to ensure that they cause no trouble between us and the Soviet authorities over here, Sir John had written.

Lord Bethell said it was particularly ironic that Sir John had been chosen to monitor the El Salvador elections at this time because, by coincidence, the Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, is today dedicating a memorial to the Yalta victims. The stone monument, which has been built with private funds, has been built on Crown land opposite the Victoria and Albert Museum in Kensington.

Today's ceremony will be attended by a Russian woman, who now lives in south London but whose forcible repatriation was once recommended by Sir John Galsworthy. The return of the woman and her husband was halted only when the Quaker movement intervened on their behalf.

Sir John, who now works as a consultant for a British firm in Mexico City, called at the Foreign Office yesterday for a final briefing on his mission to El Salvador by Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State at the Foreign Office. Mr Luce thanked Sir John for agreeing to undertake the role of observer of the forthcoming elections alongside Professor Derek Bowett, an international lawyer and president of Queen's College, Cambridge.

Aid for Caribbean

Mixed reaction to Reagan package

From Jeremy Taylor, Port of Spain, March 5

The Commonwealth Caribbean has been reacting with mixed feelings to the economic proposals made a week ago by President Reagan in Washington for the Caribbean basin countries.

Whilw the proposals have been broadly welcomed in some places, from Belize at one end of the Caribbean to Antigua at the other, there has been a striking silence in *others, indignation* in Grenada which will not get a cent from the propsals, and a cool reaction in the Guyanese capital, Georgetown.

President Reagan proposed $350m in additional emergency aid for athe region this year, mainly for El Salvador and Costa Rica. Jamaica will be the only major Commonwealth Caribbean recipient. He also offered extra military assistance, duty-free concessions and incentives for new American investment.

The package, more than a year in the making, is expected to have tough time in Congress.

The proposals are the Reagan Administration's response to fears about Caribbean stability and security. Washington sees communist influence stretching westwards from Havana into Central America and eastwards into Grenada and thence into other underdeveloped eastern Caribbean economies, thus undermining the whole American "fourth border".

Mr Reagan singled out Jamaica to praise it for making freedom work, while he made it clear Grenada and Nicaragua would be excluded unless there was a radical change of direction. The tough talk is to be backed in April by military exercises in the Caribbean, including a mock landing at the United States base on Cuba's Guantánamo Bay.

The main champion of the proposals has been Mr Edward Seaga who has worked closely with Washington since defeating his Socialist predecessor Mr Michael Manley, 16 months ago. He described them as "bold, historic and far-reaching."

But Mr Tom Adams, the Barbados Prime Minister, *who is regarded as Washington's* leading friend in the eastern Caribbean and who will play host to Mr Reagan *when he* spends a five-day working holiday on the island at Easter, has criticized the absence of direct aid to meet the urgent infrastuctural needs of the strugglig eastern Caribbean economies.

Although most Commonwealth Caribbean governments are already right of centre and highly sensitive to any hint of Cuban interference, debate is focused on Mr Reagan's political motives. Should Washington be dictating regional development policy, giving aid to ideological creteria which include a show of commitment to private enterprise and creation of a favourable investment climate, and using aid to reward one government and penalize another?

Mr Manley commented: "The sole objective is to ensure that the entire Western hemisphere must subscribe to Reagan's right-wing political philosophy or suffer the consequences. Aid to individual Caribbean countries will be based, not on development programmes designed by their omn governments, but on conformity with American policy and econimic ideals."

Grenada, which is a member of the Caribbean community, sees the Reagan proposals as an attempt to dictate to the region who its friends shall be, and insisted angrily: "We are not for sale."

The private sector's pleasure at President Reagan's free enterprise conditions are offset by genuine fears of the power of transnational companies outside national control. Whole Caribbean private sectors are often embryonic, the Guyana Government alrealy controls 80 per cent of the economy, and Trinidad and Tobago, with its far from socialist Government, operates a large state sector.

The passive role of the Reagan proposals' original co-sponsors — Mexico, Venezuela and Canada — has underlined their reservations about Mr Reagan's politcal motives and enthusiasm for military aid. Mr Reagan's insistence on lumping the Commonwealth Caribbean together with Central America in a single ideological framework has renewed suspicions that Washington's interest in the region is less charitable than the President says.

Few governments here seriously believe structural under-development can be corrected by private-sector stimulation of a grand anti-Cuba alliance.

Politically, Cuban penetration of the eastern Caribbean is overshadowed by Venezuelan and Colombian interest in the area, and remains insignificant beside the problems posed by colonial relationships, American backing for the Duvalier dictatorship in Haiti, and pressures brought against political reform in Grenada and Surinam.

Economically, the area's problems may respond only to radical changes in international economic arrangements. The eastern Caribbean islands tend to be crippled by infrastructure weaknesses, their reliance on vulnerable commodity exports like bananas, their inability to generate enough employment or control inflation, and the pressure of world recession and high energy costs.

The free market forces Mr Reagan recommends have played havoc with their commodity prices, driving down sugar income and weakening demand of Jamaican and Guyanese bauxite.

President Reagan's refusal to channel aid through the Caribbean or Inter-American development banks further weakens the area's own say in its development. Although removal of duty barriers (once American criteria are met) will offer relief to sugar exporters, for example, 87 per cent of regional goods already enter the American market duty-free.

Dominica offers a good example of the difficulty. Three times in three years it has been devastated by hurricanes. Three times in barely a year it has faced attempted coups, mounted by North American adventurers rather than Cuba. Its basic services and communications are barely enough for survival. Its tiny defence force has been disbanded as a political liability, and several detainees—including a former Prime Minister—are facing trial for involvement in attempts to overthrow the Government. Dominica imports five times as much as it exports. How, observers here ask, can President Reagan's proposals make any real structural difference?

Poles jail priest for 'slander' of leaders

Warsaw, March 5. — A military court has sentenced a Roman Catholic priest to three and a half years in prison for slandering Polish leaders in a sermon delivered a week after the imposition of martial law, a Warsaw newspaper reported today.

It was the first reported legal action against a Roman Catholic priest under martial law.

The newspaper, *Sztandar Mlodych*, identified the priest as Rev Boleslaw Jewulski, and said the prosecutor had asked for six years' imprisonment. There was no indication of when the verdict was handed down.

Officials had confirmed that one priest was on trial for slandering General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the party leader, but other details were withheld, and there was no comment from the church on the conviction.

The Roman Catholic Church claims the allegiance of 90 per cent of Poland's 36 million people, and has been an outspoken critic of martial law.

Trybuna Ludu the party newspaper, reported that six leaders of solidarity in Szczecin were jailed for up to five years yesterday. The court, which sast in Bygoszcz, 125 miles north-west of here, had found all six guilty of organizing or leading a strike in Szczecin's A. Warski shipyards. AP and AFP.

☐ Vienna: Polish military authorities counted nearly 100,000 cases of infringing public order in recent weeks, and disclosed today that nearly 700 firearms had been confiscated throughout the country, according to PAP, the official Polish news agency (AP reports).

PAP also said only 10 to 20 of the estimated 4,000 prisoners interned under martial law had asked to leave Poland permanently.

☐ Frankfurt: Poland has set itself a new deadline of the end of March to complete outstanding interest payments estimated at £25m to £35m on its 1981 debts to Western banks, banking sources said today (Reuter reports).

In response to an inquiry by a task force of 20 Western banks about the delay, Warsaw blamed "technical difficulties" for failing to meet its earlier, self-imposed deadline of mid-February, the sources said.

☐ Two Poles are being interviewed by immigration authorities on Teesside after being discovered hiding on board a British Steel ore carrier, the MV Lackenby, which was returning from Gdansk (the Press Association reports).

Bundestag bore-in seeks a new image

From Patricia Clough Bonn, March 5

The West German Bundestag is thinking of sending observers to the House of Commons to find out how to make parliamentary question time more lively.

The Bundestag had to admit this week that its twice-weekly, 90-minute question time could compete for the title of the world's most boring event.

Visitors who have to wait for months for a ticket to sit for an hour in the public gallery often see only a handful of members dozing or reading, while some parliamentary state secretary drones on about a bridge project in darkest Bavaria, or regulations on coconut imports.

Members often do not even turn up to read out their own questions, or hear the answers. The questions are printed on the days agenda, anyway, and the replies can be obtained in writing afterwards.

The Bundestag was finally jolted into action on Wednesday, after attendance hit an all-time low. Herr Richard Stücklen, the presiden opened the session to fin that only three of the 519 members had shown up.

The Bundestag council of elders — the president, his deputies, repesentatives of the three parties and other officials — decided to put an end to this embarrassing state of affairs. The floor leaders will be urged to instil a sense of parliamentary duty into their members.

Vietnamese protest at intrusion

From David Watts Singapore, March 5

Vietnam has lodged a formal protest with the Chinese over the intrusion of "40 armed vessels" into Vietnamese waters. Hanoi radio said a Note sent to the Chinese Embassy in Hanoi today "vehemently condemned this serious act that violated the sovereignty and territorial waters of Vietnam".

The Vietnamese claim that the boats were sent to carry out espionage and provocations. The incident appears to be one of the most serious since border clashes between the two countries last May in which the Chinese claimed to have killed about 350 marauding Vietnamese troops.

Hanoi earlier claimed that Vietnamese fishermen captured a Chinese boat and set fire to three others during the incident on Wednesday off the central province of Bin Tri Thien.

The Vietnamese Note appeared to reserve the right of retaliation against the Chinese for the alleged intrusion, speaking of Hanoi's determinatiion to defend its sovereignty.

☐ Hongkong: After vainly awaiting resettlement for five months, two Vietnamese fishermen have decided to return home from Hongkong (Richard Hughes writes). Over the past four years only three groups, each of six frustrated refugees, have applied for return and been taken back.

Peking to free 4,000 Chiang men

From David Bonavia Peking, March 5

China will soon release about 4,000 former soldiers and officials of the old nationalist Government, the Kuomintang, and those who wish will have their fares paid to Taiwan. Mr Zhao Cangbi, Minister of Public Security, told a committee session of the Chinese Parliament today. The detainees are said to be the last of those held since the defeat of Chiang Kai-shek's forces in 1949. Their release is seen as another move in Peking's policy of reconciliation with Taiwan.

In the past Taiwan has refused to admit released Kuomintang prisoners, who are said to have spent the period since the communist victory being "reeducated".

☐ China today attacked foreign journalists who spread rumours about Chinese leaders, a clear reference to speculation about Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping who recently disappeared from public view for five weeks (Reuter reports).

The *People's Daily* did not name any journalists or news organizations, but was clearly referring to reports that Mr Deng may have been ousted in a bloodless coup or that he had been the target of an assassination attempt. The Chinese Foreign Ministry last month dismissed these reports as "vicious fabrication".

ATOM PLANT INQUIRY ORDERED

from Ivor Davis Los Angeles, March 5

A new study to determine how safe the trouble-plagued Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant would be in an earthquake has been ordered by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

"Hundreds of modifications" may be needed before the plant can begin operating, according to Mr Harold Denton, the Commission's Director of Reactor Regulations. He said yesterday that a new independent study is needed to decide whether the plant, located about half way between Los Angeles and San Francisco, on a bluff overlooking the Pacific, can withstand an earthquake.

In November the commission suspended the plant's test licence after the operator, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, said there were design errors in the installation, which cost the equivalent of £1,200m.

Before ordering the fresh study, Denton said that a previous review had found 6 design errors and 91 questionable items which might turn out to be design errors.

Violent death ruled out in May case

Camerino, March 5. — An Italian pathologist said today that an examination of th remains of Jeanette May, and her Italian companion proved that their deaths were not caused by physical violence.

Dr Mario Graev said the two had not died from what he termed "traumatic facts", thereby ruling out strangulation or other violent causes of death. He left open the possibility that the women were poisoned.

Dr Graev told investigators that a scratch on Mrs May's vertebra, which had given rise to speculation that she might have been strangled, was caused by rodents.

The remains of Mrs May and her friend Gabriella Guerin were found by hunters in a rough mountainous area near here on January 27, 14 months after they disappeared mysteriously.

Signor Ermanno Mura, the local state prosecutor, said Dr Graev outlined the results of the post-mortem examination by telephone and that a written report will follow within a week.

Earlier, Dr Graev had ruled out the possibility of gunshot or other wounds on the bodies.

Italian authorities have maintained from the beginning that the women had probably frozen to death after getting stranded on the Sibillini mountains. — AP.

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Soft landing for second Venus craft

Moscow. A Soviet landing module from the space probe Venera 14 made a soft touchdown on Venus 63 minutes after entering the planet;s atmosphere. It was the second such landing in a week.

The module landed east of the area known as Phoebus, after separating from Venera 14. The Venera 14 interplanetary station was launched on November 4 and travelled 180 million miles.

According to Tass, a bore on board the module took samples of the Venetian soil around the landing site where the temperature was 465 degrees Centigrade. The module took panoramic photographs and measured the soil for electric conductivity, physical and mechanic properties and seismic activity.

Court delays new runway

Wiesbaden. — West German ecologists yesterday won a resounding victory when a court ruled that work on an extension of Frankfurt airport should be suspended for a year.

Ecologists have fought the project for 10 years on the ground that it endangered Frankfurt's water supply. They have also opposed an extension on what is already Europe's biggest airport because it required the destruction of a huge forest.

Dacca appoints more ministers

Dacca.— President Abdus Sattar of Bangladesh has appointed two new ministers of state and two Cabinet ministers.

Mr Reazuddin Ahmed and Mr Syed Mohibul Hasan were in the Cabinet dissolved last month by the President. The newcomers are Mr Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury, the Deputy Speaker, and Mr Tariq ul Islam. Their portfolios are to be announced later.

Bonn relents on cosmonaut visa

Bonn. — West Germany has reversed a decision to withhold visas for Lieutenant-Colonel Valentina Tereshkova, the world's first spacewoman, and a Soviet youth delegation, sources said.

Bonn's initial refusal was linked on Thursday with recent government moves to curb official contacts with Moscow in protest at martial law in Poland. Yesterday a Foreign Ministry spokesman would confirm only that visas were now being issued for the visitors, and declined to comment.

Mengistu is safe Ethiopians say

Addis Ababa. — Ethiopia strongly denied claims by Eritrean separatists that Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, the Head of State, was wounded and in hospial.

The Foreign Minister said that Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu was "well, in good health and carrying out his normal duties".

Kowloon caper too hot to handle

Hongkong.—A drunken European stole a fire-engine and careered through Kiwloon for half an hour today before crashing into a funeral parlour, leaving behind him dozens of wrecked cars and three people injured.

Police and firemen finally caught up with the engine only to see a thin, bespectacled man, aged about 20, leap from its cabin and disappear into the labyrinthine side streets.

Stunt misfires

Stockholm. — Mr Johan Toren, a Swedish stuntman working on Ingmar Bergman's *Fanny and Alexander*, severely burnt his hands when a scene in which he set fire to himself went wrong. He was ordered to rest for a month.

Escapee hunted

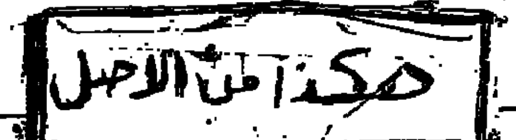
Paris. — French police are still searching for Mr Edward Howell, the Irish republican who escaped from his guards at Orly airport after being deported from Canada.

Broadcaster dies

Antol Goldberg, the BBC's leading commentator on Soviet and European affairs, died in London, aged 71. His external service broadcasts were heard mainly in Russia.

CORRECTION

The Associated Press reported erroneously in a story published yesterday that a spokesman for Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd had said an Ontario nuclear worker died because of exposure to radiation at work. In fact, the spokesman said that exposure to radiation was the most probable cause of the man's cancer.



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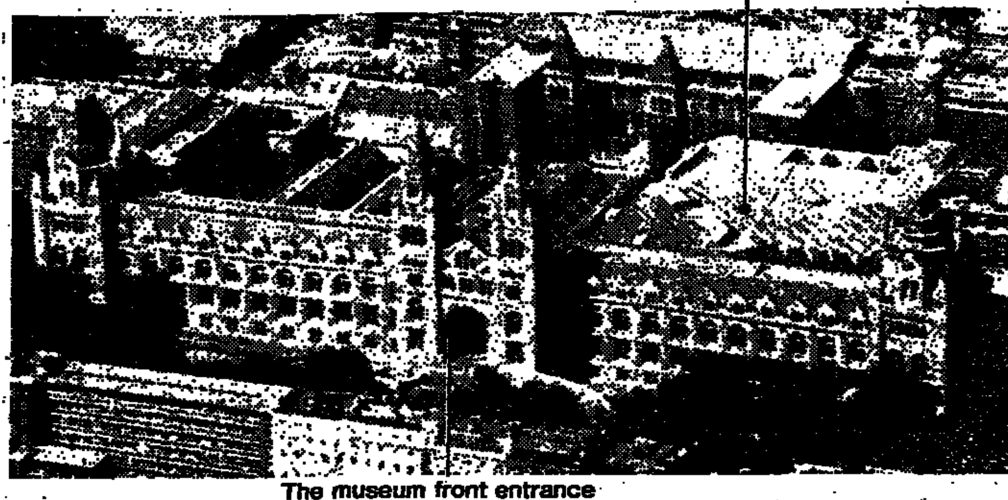
THE THREATENED EASTERN SIDE OF THE MUSEUM

The old dinosaur gallery which, with two adjoining galleries, would disappear under the museum's plans

Area of the proposed east infill block to provide five storeys of space instead of the existing one

The main hall–front entrance in Cromwell Road

The basement which conservationists say could be used for exhibitions and restaurant



The museum front entrance in Cromwell Road

An endangered species in Cromwell Road

Next Thursday Spike Milligan will cut a cake in the cause of conservation. This time it is not his beloved whales that he will be trying to save but rather the building that houses them.

The cake will be an exact model of the Natural History Museum in South Kensington and the bits which Mr Milligan will chop off and send like pieces of wedding cake to the trustees represent parts which the museum wants to demolish.

Opposition to the plan to replace three of the original galleries on the eastern side of the museum with a new five-storey block has come not only from architectural historians and conservationists alarmed at the destruction of what they regard as one of the most important Victorian public buildings in the country. It reflects a wider controversy about the style and purpose of the Natural History Museum which has stirred up the scientific establishment.

The museum, opened in 1881, was designed by Alfred Waterhouse as a place where the whole of nature would be displayed in a systematic and static way. Long galleries were furnished with solid showcases open at the top to show the public particularly interesting species and with drawers underneath where scientists could find more detailed collections.

The dual purpose of the museum — serving both the curious layman and the professional working in the science of taxonomy (the classification of species) — has continued to the present day. More than 350 scientists now work among cupboards of fossil remains and preserved insects in rooms at the back of the public galleries.

However, the museum's approach towards its non-professional users has undergone a radical change. About ten years ago the trustees decided that it was no longer sufficient just to display labelled specimens in the public galleries. Finding that most visitors had no biological knowledge, they started to mount thematic displays on such subjects as ecology and the origin of man using audio-visual techniques and bright plastic panels with pictures and diagrams.

There is no doubt that these innovations have brought more people into the museum. The annual number of visitors has doubled to three million in the past ten years. However, the museum's change of style has upset a number of scientists and others who argue that it has trivialized its subject by introducing facile, push-button displays. There have even been complaints of Marxist bias in the exhibitions illustrating the theme of evolution.

This row has come to a head over the proposal for the new east infill project. The museum authorities argue that they urgently need more space for exhibitions and also to relieve severe pressure on existing lavatory and catering facilities. The new block would give them five floors instead of the existing one and would allow more temporary exhibitions.

Those who oppose the project, among them the Victorian Society, the Greater London Council Historic Buildings Committee and Kensington and Chelsea Borough Council, say there is no need to demolish original galleries to get the space that the museum needs. They are also highly critical of the use which the museum makes of its existing space and of its exhibition policy.

They have proposed an alternative scheme which would involve using the museum's substantial basement for a restaurant and new exhibition areas, filling in light wells between existing galleries and building a small five-storey extension to the blank wall of an architecturally undistinguished 1930s block at the back of the museum.

John Bancroft, the architect responsible for the alternative scheme, says it would provide 84,000 sq ft of exhibition space compared to about 76,000 sq ft in the museum's east infill project. He also says that, at £10m, it would cost at least £8m less than the museum's plans.

There is certainly no doubt that more space is urgently needed. When I visited the museum last week there were long queues for lavatories and the cafeteria. By contrast, the fossil invertebrate gallery, one of the last to remain with its original glass-topped cases, and in the area that is threatened with demolition, was deserted.

It seems unlikely that next week's last-ditch attempt to preserve intact Waterhouse's great terracotta temple to the wonders of evolution will succeed. The plan for the eastern infill project has already been successfully subjected to a public inquiry and received the go-ahead from both the Department of the Environment and the Department of Education, who are providing the money.

Work is due to start next month on disconnecting services to the doomed galleries, which sadly look like suffering the same fate as the dinosaurs which one of them used to house.



The tightly packed shell

The number of individual specimens, reference books and visitors packed into the Natural History Museum has risen enormously in the 100 years since it was founded. The only thing that has not increased on the same scale is the amount of space available.

	1881	1981
Individual specimens	4m	50m
Reference books	17,000	750,000
Annual visitors	350,000	3m
Space available for public galleries	15,338 sq m	15,825 sq m

Sir Ian's cynical prescription for surrender

by Stephen Hastings, MP

Last week my friend and colleague Sir Ian Gilmour was at it again. His challenge to the Government and its supporters on certain aspects of policy has become persistent and provocative — and will doubtless be repeated in the Budget debate.

Sir Ian is advocating a reflation of more than £5,000m comparable to the last major injections of cash, first by Anthony Barber in 1973 and second by Denis Healey in 1977/78. After a short time-lag, both those initiatives brought a fresh surge of inflation, leading to unemployment, but Sir Ian now seems to argue that his package is immune from these evil effects. He says he has tested it on the Treasury model, "with satisfactory results", thereby confounding the experience of every government both here and abroad since the days of low inflation rates.

This *is* a very large claim. A computer programme is only as good as the facts fed into it. If the assumptions are invalid the answers will be wrong. Sir Ian seems to believe that regardless of its level of borrowing, the Government can fix and hold interest rates at will.

This just is not so. Massive Government borrowing leads to rising inflation, this in turn to a fall in the value of the pound, which again adds to the inflationary pressure and necessitates higher interest rates to counter it. Thus it *has* always been. Why should the vicious circle suddenly be squared?

Sir Ian also seems to suggest that heavy Government borrowing creates its own balance of savings and is therefore not inflationary. But this is credible only if the savings generated go to buy Government stock. People buy gilts only if they think interest rates are going to fall, but under the conditions Sir Ian would create they are going to rise, and fast. Thus the private investor would not only decline to buy gilts, he would sell them. Were these assumptions fed into the computer?

Sir Ian has never answered these criticisms and it will not do to hide behind the Treasury model. Anyone who has any experience with computer programming has heard the phrase — "garbage in, garbage out".

But whatever their merits or demerits, Sir Ian's economic solutions are clearly designed as expedients to serve his central purpose, which is to win General Elections. It is not really economics which guide him, it is the opinion polls. Policy, even halfway through a Parliament, should be trimmed to accord with what it appears people, for the moment, want or will take. The Government needs to "become more political".

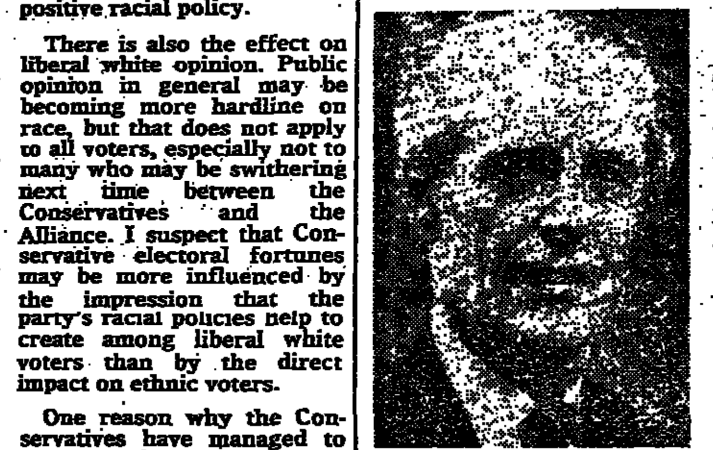
This approach probably dominated Conservative thinking during the Macmillan era and may have seemed effective in those very different circumstances. But the economic, moral and political dangers we face today are of another order.

It happens that Sir Ian and I have lived through the same period in Parliament (I have served just two years longer than he has) yet I suspect my observations have led me to very different conclusions.

I see this period as one of sad and largely unnecessary decline for the British people. There has been a perceptible ebbing of confidence, trust and performance. There are many causes but I believe the process has been accelerated, if not actually initiated, by a lack of purpose and example in Government, which in turn has led to a *disintegrating* of discipline and thus inevitably of national morale.

True the descent under the Tories has been less precipitate and better disguised than under Labour, but it has continued unabated; the risks and dangers to liberty itself were already manifest when this Conservative Government came to office.

Now I guess that Sir Ian would not entirely disagree with this description, but his reasoning might lead him to regard much of what has happened during our period together as inevitable, and here we would part company. I suspect from his present attitude that he will have been content like many other


Sir Ian: gentlemanly avoidance

Conservatives in the 1980s and 1970s to watch, or help conduct, a slow and dignified retreat; to parry change, but always to bow to it in the end.

His policy might be described as one of gentlemanly avoidance, so far as possible, a permanent act of discreet surrender to *force majeure*, designed for as long as possible to hold the stage by subtle shifts of emphasis and timing, always claiming, as he does, that Conservative principles remain intact. Only win the election and the cadence of retreat can at least be controlled.

Of course it is true that a party out of office can achieve nothing. For Sir Ian, because "the voters are neither silly nor extreme there is no conflict between the right policies for governing the country and the right policies for winning the election".

In other words all that is necessary is to interpret the wishes of the electors and appear to follow them. For me this is an abrogation of all decision, and if the voters ever understood it I believe they would be horrified! The reason so many people hold politicians in low regard is because for decades now it has seemed inseparable from success at General Elections for parties to conceal too much of the truth, launch a false pre-election boom and pretend that a vote for their programme could produce that millenium.

This is to take as cynical a view of the electorate as the electorate now takes of the politicians. Mrs Thatcher, if I am not mistaken, will make a different kind of appeal, and who is to say that her faith in the integrity and commonsense of the voters will be misplaced?

In any case I find her position infinitely safer, more acceptable and more conservative than what I might term the gadarene swine policy: give them gentle push from behind, since that is the direction they seem to want to go. It will be all right provided you can jump on the pig's back.

That could be a very perilous ride.

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Geoffrey Smith

The hardliners Mrs Thatcher must reject

Mrs Thatcher's hesitation this week over condemning the cricket tour of South Africa has been taken as another indication of her lack of sensitivity on racial questions. In one sense that may be unfair: the tour raises complex issues, rather than providing a simple test of attitudes to race. But it is true that her touch on racial matters is uncertain, and this further complicates one of the most delicate problems that the Conservatives will have to resolve before the next election.

The appointment of Sir George Young last month as the minister responsible for race relations within the Department of the Environment was clearly intended as a signal to the ethnic minorities; and Mr Heseltine, the Environment Secretary, will announce within the next few weeks a number of initiatives designed to improve the lot of the minority communities. But such moves can be effective in presenting the Conservatives as the friends of the ethnic minorities only if there is sufficient support for this approach within the Government, on the Conservative back benches and in the party in the country. At the moment there can be no confidence that there will be in any of these areas.

The Tory Reform Group is shortly to publish a paper in which a number of detailed proposals will be based on the proposition that: "A Conservative believes in equality of opportunity for all and thus must support all positive action to enable specially disadvantaged groups in society the chance to compete relatively equally with their neighbour".

Anyone who attended the Blackpool conference last October will appreciate that there must be many other Conservatives as well. It was not only detached and sceptical observers who found the dominant attitude there unhealthy. Senior ministers did so as well: this was not the kind of party that they had entered politics to serve. One even remarked that it was the most depressing week he had ever spent in public life.

Within the party in Parliament there is on this, as on so much else, a wide range of opinion. Most of the 1979 intake have a positive attitude to race relations, but the balance shifts among older members. Some are themselves prejudiced against the ethnic minorities; many are influenced by the anxieties and resentments they encounter in their constituency associations and in society at large. Mr Whitelaw, whose contribution as Home Secretary is, I believe, much under-valued, has many critics on the Conservative back benches, and even more in the party in the country, who regard him as too soft.

Nor can there be any assurance that these tendencies will be countered by a firm and consistent lead from the top. Sir George Young was given his special responsibility by Mr Heseltine with the approval of the Prime Minister, but when the criticism began to mount — especially from some Conservative newspapers — there was an impression that No 10 was distancing itself from this decision. It was not an isolated instance. After Mr Whitelaw had been given a rough ride by a raucous conference, Mrs Thatcher appeared in her Blackpool speech to be responding to the critics rather than supporting her Home Secretary.

What chance is there then of sufficient Conservative support developing for the new, positive approach to the ethnic minorities? Only, I suspect, if the party comes to believe that it is necessary either to prevent further riots or to win the election. Further riots, or the threat of more violence, are more likely to harden Conservative attitudes, certainly in the short term. But what are the electoral considerations?

It is no use assuming that because one would like to see the Conservatives pursuing a positive policy on race it would therefore be in their electoral interests to do so. It could be argued, indeed, that in terms of hard electoral self-interest, leaving aside all questions of morality and the health of British society, the Conservatives would do better to concentrate not on the ethnic minority vote, but on the anti-ethnic vote.

There is a good deal of prejudice and resentment against the minority communities in Britain today: the harsher trend within the Conservative Party is a reflection of the movement of opinion in society. There are, in other words, quite a lot of anti-ethnic voters around. The Conservatives in their present mood will have a job to look convincing as the true friends of the minorities; and Mrs Thatcher's occasional excursions into this field will not help. Finally, the emergence of the SDP-Liberal Alliance as a serious electoral force will make it harder for the Conservatives to win the support of those ethnic voters who reject Labour.

Asian shopkeepers and small businessmen might be natural Tory supporters. But the attitude of the Alliance should be attractive to many ethnic voters, and it would be logical if the main contest for the ethnic vote at the next election lay between the Alliance — because of its empathy with minorities — and Labour, because that is the party for whom most of them have always voted. Why, then, should the Conservatives not focus all their attention on the rest of the electorate.

It would be foolish to deny the force of this argument. But a distinction needs to be drawn between those issues which reinforce the approval of those who would vote for a party anyway, or strengthen the hostility of those who would always oppose it, and those policies which may actually swing votes. The one group whose votes are largely determined by racial policies are the ethnic minorities themselves.

It is impossible to calculate at this stage in how many constituencies ethnic voters will hold the balance at the next election. Because of redistribution and the coming of the Alliance there is no basis for precise assessment. But there are a number of seats which the Conservatives would not hold in the present Parliament were it not for the ethnic vote.

In most of these instances it is the Asian voters who are critical. Most West Indians live in solid Labour areas: only three Tory MPs have a substantial number of West Indians in their constituencies: Sir Keith Joseph in Leeds North-East, Mr Hugh Rossi in Hornsey and Mr John Wheeler in Paddington. But there are something like 25 Tories who have large Asian sectors in their electorates.

Not all of these MPs woo the ethnic vote, but a number of them do with success. There is evidence that the minority communities respond to a sitting member who takes trouble, and they are all the more likely to do so if he represents a party with a positive racial policy.

There is also the effect on liberal white opinion. Public opinion in general may be becoming more hardline on race, but that does not apply to all voters, especially not to many who may be swithering next time between the Conservatives and the Alliance. I suspect that Conservative electoral fortunes may be more influenced by the impression that the party's racial policies help to create among liberal white voters than by the direct impact on ethnic voters.

One reason why the Conservatives have managed to preserve their strength so remarkably down the years is the sense they have conveyed of representing the national interest in the broadest sense. If they lose this, they will lose an important part not only of their appeal but of their inner conviction as well. This means not that they should be soggy on race, but that they should be responsible: hardline on law and order, no positive discrimination, but constructive in their social policies and in combating discrimination.

The question now is whether the Conservative mood will allow the third leg of this tripod to be planted in firm ground.

Spare a thought for the precious Souls

Who *were* the Souls? Such a question would have horrified the late A. J. Balfour who announced that "no history of our time will be complete unless the influence of the Souls upon society is dispassionately and accurately recorded".

Few groups of people combining beauty, wit and intellect can have failed so utterly to register themselves on modern life as the Souls. Over the years their detractor has been privilege, for to recite their names is to compile a pocket *Debrett*. Wemyss, Ribblesdale, Rutland and Pembroke indicate just some of the purple in the cast, but in these days of heritage is it still shameful to admit an interest in the drawing-rooms of our aristocracy? A pictorial exhibition of the Souls which opened this week would suggest that it is not.

Fashionable London in the 1880s had become a very dull place. Talk for a girl was restricted to the commonplace, while the men discussed sport, and Political opponents were never mixed. Then from the Border country came four daughters of Sir Charles Tennant, a Gaswegian merchant prince who had recently installed himself in Grosvenor Square.

Laura, Charty, Lucy and Margot were more used to the wild moors which surrounded their father's new Border seat than the polished pavements of Mayfair. Excitable and Curious, they did everything in London that was not permitted. They talked, mixed political parties and entertained from their bedrooms. As one diarist noted, the change came with "a family highly gifted, of totally unconventional manners, with no code of behaviour except their own good hearts".

Rebellious young society followed the Tennants, but Laura, the star of the sisters, died in childbirth at 23. Vivacious and melancholic, she had predicted her short life: "I shan't live a long life. I shall wear out quick. I live too fast."

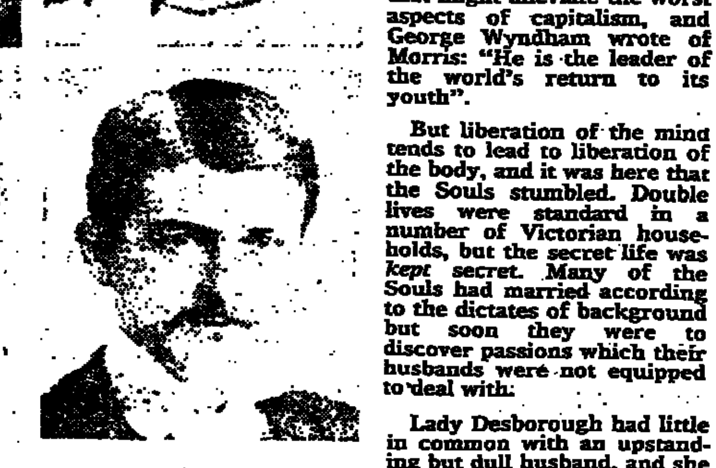
Laura became a legend, and her delicate, enigmatic face haunts the work of Burne-Jones. Her death drew the circle of friends who had formed around the Tennants closer, and within a few years that circle was formidable enough to divide Society.

There was the Marlborough House set, led by the Prince of Wales and indifferent to learning, and there were the Souls — the champions of literature, politics and the arts. In thouse found days the Souls had beauty, youth and promise. Foremost among them were: George Curzon, Margot Tennant, Ettie Desborough, Harry Cust, Charty Ribblesdale (formerly Tennant), George Wyndham, A. J. Balfour, Mary Elcho (later Wemyss), Violet Granby (later Rutland) and St John Brodrick.

The Souls did not like their nick-name, given to them by a jibing Lord Charles Beresford. It smacked too much of English philistinism on the defensive and out to belittle knowledge. They wished to be taken naturally and, with a variety of country houses owned by fellow Souls, this was quite possible. At Stanway, Wrest, Panshanger or Wilton, they could indulge their break from convention, safe from the slings of the philistine. Spreading parks and houses filled with fine objects became the back-drop for wide-ranging discussion, charades and word games.

Most demurred, too, from the robust country-house pursuits, and for exercise they chose the bicycle. Maurice Baring, on a visit to Wrest, remembers how "a constellation of beauty moved in muslin and straw hats and yellow roses on the lawns of gardens designed by Lenôtre". Later, "we bicycled in the warm night past ghostly cornfields by the light of a large full moon".




All Souls together: top, Henry Cust and Margot Asquith; below, Violet, Duchess of Rutland and George Wyndham.

Safe in their country houses, it might seem that the Souls had not progressed far from the confined world of their origins, but there was a more alert atmosphere in the houses now. Gone was the stifling stricture on who was and who was not "received" and they opened their doors to the fresh air of ideas. William Morris was a frequent guest of Mary Elcho's at Stanway, and also of the Wyndhams at Clouds, another Souls' house.

H. G. Wells was staying at Stanway in the early days of his struggle to survive as a writer, rather than be a draper's assistant. Belloc and Chesterton made plain their dislike of a materialistic imperialism in the drawing-rooms of the Desboroughs' Taplow Court and Clouds. The Souls favoured a Utopia that might alleviate the worst aspects of capitalism, and George Wyndham wrote of Morris: "He is the leader of the world's return to its youth".

But liberation of the mind tends to lead to liberation of the body, and it was here that the Souls stumbled. Double lives were standard in a number of Victorian households, but the secret life was *kept* secret. Many of the Souls had married according to the dictates of background but soon they were to discover passions which their husbands were not equipped to deal with.

Lady Desborough had little in common with an upstanding but dull husband, and she launched herself into a series of attachments which provided fleeting, if not conclusive, answers. Violet, Duchess of Rutland grew equally tired of a husband whose main interest was dry-fly fishing. Mary Elcho's marriage to Lord Elcho was an arranged Tory union between her family, the Wyndhams, and the Wemyss's; her solution was A. J. Balfour.

In their passions the Souls were trapped between the rigours of the double game and breaking loose. Uncertain whether to cover their tracks, they compromised for mystery, but more secrets escaped than can be left to surmise.

By the end of the First World War, the Souls had ceased to dominate the social scene. Another generation had sprung up, made sceptical by warfare, and the Soul's idealism seemed naive and their intensity a pose. Some had burnt out their promise. Exposure to the political forum had turned George Wyndham's romantic fervour to bitterness, and Harry Cust — the destroyer of hearts and most counted on of all — had drifted into lethargy and drink.

The "constellation of beauty" had begun to fade, their smiles now rarer from the loss of sons at the Front. Only Margot Asquith remained indomitable, as she swept from house to house talking of their exploits. But by then the word had already gone round. The barriers were falling and Bloomsbury was thriving, yet may we not owe the Souls more than we give them credit for?

Simon Blow

The Souls exhibition at the Bury Street Gallery, 11 Bury Street, SW1, opened on Tuesday and continues until early April.

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HONEST MONEY IS BEST

The opposition parties have been queueing up this week to get their retaliation to the Chancellor's Budget in before he speaks. The electors are now presented with a pack of reflationary cards from which they are invited to choose. The SDP want to pump £4,000m into the economy, the Liberals £6,000m and the Labour Party around £9,000m.

Mr Shore's proposals, however carefully they have been run through the Treasury model, would open the door to disaster. The scale of the reflation is far too great. The aim is to generate 5 per cent growth next year. The last time we had growth above 4 per cent was in 1973. That led to the inflationary explosion of 1974 from which we have been trying to recover ever since.

If the economy has been hurt even half as much by the present government as Mr Shore thinks it has been, it is in no shape to take an injection of demand on that scale. The proposals try to hide their inflationary effect behind a price-cutting smoke-screen. Nearly half of the money would go to subsidies of one kind or another, mostly for the nationalized industries. We have lived through that before. Time after time governments have wrecked the finances of nationalized industries in the cause of price restraint. Time after time the economy has had to suffer extra inflation when the subsidies are withdrawn.

When the money runs out we find that prices are as high as they would have been without the whole costly exercise; the nationalized industries have put off yet again the improvements in efficiency which they need; and the money which ought to have gone in useful investment has been frittered away.

The Labour plan is thus guilty of spending too much money in the least sensible way. The purpose of this spasm of largesse has been made clear by Mr Shore. It is to talk the unions into agreeing to a "national economic assessment" on sharing out the nation's income. Stripped of the fog designed to get that sort of talk through a Labour Party conference, he means a pay policy after the first year of Labour government. Without that, the programme will lead automatically to runaway inflation. Yet how can the voters expect such a pay policy to hold when Labour's economic spokesman dare not even use its real name?

Both the Social Democrats and the Liberals have more modest programmes and more sensible ways of spending the money they wish to use. Both parties in the alliance would cut the National Insurance surcharge; the SDP by 2 percentage points and the Liberals by abolishing it altogether. Some reduction in NIS is highly desirable. As we have argued in the past, it hurts jobs and it hurts companies, two things which should be getting all possible help from this government.

The Liberals want to go too far too fast. The SDP proposal may be more sensible, but the very limited resources available to the Chancellor probably point to an even smaller cut.

Much else in the SDP programme is commendable. The trouble is that in trying to have them all at once the SDP comes up with a total bill which at £4,000m, is much more than the country can afford at the moment. An increase in borrowing on that scale would put undesirable pressure on interest rates. That, in its turn, would take back from the industrial sector much of the benefit which had been given through cutting NIS.

The Chancellor ought to give the economy some sign that he is committed to seeing expansion over the year ahead. But the cut in the oil price last week confirms our view that this time a small stimulus of about £2,000m would be enough.

BELFAST'S CLERICAL CONTEST

The parliamentary seat that was filled in Belfast yesterday was made vacant by the murder of the Rev Robert Bradford by the IRA on November 14. That murder was the culmination of a series of which the victims were members of, or connected with, the indigenous security forces of Northern Ireland. The aftermath was the moment of the Rev Ian Paisley's greatest potency. He articulated, as no one else did, the fury of Ulster Protestantism against those outrages, its resentment at the apparent weakness of the official response, and its suspicion that an intention, vague and distant as it might be, was being hatched between London and Dublin to cut Ulster adrift from the United Kingdom.

He ranted. He threatened to make the province ungovernable by those in legitimate authority. He dabbled in the penumbra of illegality by raising a "third force" for the defence of Protestant homes. Although much unionist opinion was offended by the crudity of this, and by the contradiction implied in it of the very principle of the union, the force of Mr Paisley's rhetoric and the vigour of his actions appeared capable of carrying all before it. His ambition to establish his Democratic Unionist Party as the unchallengeable vehicle of Ulster unionism was in the ascendant. He was assisted by tactical confusion within the Official Unionist party, and the fact that its leader though sensible in his judgments was no match in forcefulness.

Clearly this struggle for supremacy within Ulster unionism would be carried into the arena of the late Robert Bradford's constituency. He had been the only remaining Official Unionist member for Belfast after the 1979 election. He was a personal friend of Mr Paisley's, and it was alleged in the course of the by-election that he had been about to defect to the DUP, which, like the many other canards that were let fly, was denounced as scurrilous untruth by those it was intended to damage. Belfast South is variegated but dominantly sound Unionist territory. It would be vital for the Official Unionists to hold it, glorious for the DUP to take it.

Flanked by a supporting cast of six other candidates, two ministers of religion stepped on to the stage to slug it out between them, a hot and a cool gospeller. That is how the spectators saw it, and to judge from the result it is how the voters saw it too. If the clerical vote is aggregated the party proportions repeat almost exactly the proportions in the general election of 1979. Then the Unionist proportion was 61.7 per cent, now the two candidates competing for it got 61.9 per cent between them. Both the SDLP, which had no republican challenger, and the non-sectarian Alliance party, which had an exceptionally strong candidate, fractionally improved their shares. The man offering independence for Ulster received 576 votes. The crucial division of the unionist vote went almost two to one in favour of the Rev Martin Smyth, Imperial Grand Master of the Orange Order, the candidate of the Official Unionists.

This does not make Mr Paisley and his DUP a spent force. Far from it. His man made a large dent in a previously unassailable Unionist vote. But it is some protection against defeatism in Unionist ranks, and gives them a hopeful reason to sort out their policy and leadership problems. Mr Prior too may draw some satisfaction. On this showing his assembly, if he ever gets it, ought not to be immediately lost to him. Even the centre, such as it is, held.

SPORT AND THE KILLING HABIT

Ministers come and go; lobbies can bargain away for ever. Wednesday's government announcement on cigarette promotion shows that the tobacco industry has succeeded in talking its way right through the terms of office of two Department of Health ministers who well understood the dangers of smoking, and settled terms with their successors that leave the industry almost unscathed. The Government's capitulation to an adroit and powerful pressure group, in disregard of a specific and authoritative appeal from leaders of the medical profession, does no credit to its sense of the balance between commercial interest and the public good.

The health dangers of cigarette smoking are so familiar that the ministers announcing the ignominious conclusions of two years' negotiations were able to rehearse them with no apparent sense of urgency or indignation. Every year it is the cause of at least 50,000 premature deaths, the loss of some 50 million working days, and £150 in Health Service costs for each taxpayer to find. In spite of a decline in recent years tobacco consumption is relatively high in Britain, and illnesses associated with smoking are more common here than in almost any other country in the world. The prosperity of a middle-sized industry employing in total only 35,000 is a small factor beside such considerations.

Previous Governments have judged that these facts necessitated controls on advertising, and these have increased over the years. Mr Patrick Jenkin and Sir George Young came to the Department of Health hoping to carry the process a stage further. They accepted that voluntary agreement with the trade was preferable to statutory control and spent years trying to achieve it. The ease with which the industry has been able to filibuster the months away shows that commitment to progress is little use if a Government is not prepared to legislate if necessary to secure it.

The area of tobacco promotion that causes greatest disquiet today is that of sports sponsorship. Advertising as such needs to be under control, and some further controls are desirable, but an outright ban would be wrong. It would be unduly oppressive in principle where the commodity itself is freely on sale, and it would make it difficult to publicise safety factors such as low tar levels. The main purposes of the existing agreements have been to curb the especially strong influence of film and television advertising, for children in particular, to link advertising with reminders of the health risk, and to restrain blatant promotional association of smoking with images of glamour and success.

Sponsorship of sport effectivly circumvents each of these objects. A letter sent to ministers last December from the President of the Royal College of Physicians and other leaders of the medical profession claimed that BBC programmes alone gave tobacco industry sponsored events 190 hours of coverage in a six-month period in 1980 — the equivalent of more than a week's TV transmissions. The name of the product in such programmes is presented to audiences, including the young, without warning and in association with all the glamour and health of sports endeavour. The doctors' letter called for a complete end to tobacco sponsorship of sport, and while this could only be achieved in stages (to give other sponsors time to come forward, as they would not fail to do) that should be the objective to aim for. The Government has merely agreed to allow spending to be maintained with no cut in real terms, with the weak provisos that health warnings should be printed on tickets and posters, and that events should not be sponsored if most participants are under 18 (but the audiences count more than the participants). But the greatest coup for the industry in the announcement is the extension of the new agreements till "at least" December 1985. Thus all hope of legislation or further voluntary controls has been shelved for four years. This failure makes it all the more essential that the Government should not falter in using the means of controlling the killing habit that remain in its own hands. It is up to Sir Geoffrey Howe next week to repair in some measure the harm that Mr Macfarlane and Mr Fowler have done this week.

A Wayne legend

From Mr Gavin Lyall

Sir, Joan Goodman was right to add that cautious "reputedly" when asserting (March 1) that *The Cowboys* was "the only picture in which [John] Wayne dies". I recall his deaths in *The Sands of Iwo Jima, The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance, The Alamo* and *The Shootist* as well, and I'm sure that more devoted cinewests can remember others.

It would be interesting to know the final score, since it might do something to dispel the myth behind Ms Goodman's comment: that Wayne only played roles in which he could be indomitable to beyond the last reel (and that he wasn't enough of an actor to relish a death scene).

Yours faithfully,
GAVIN LYALL,
14 Provost Road, NW3.
March 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plan for loans to industry

From Mr Michael Grylls, MP for Surrey, North West (Conservative)

Sir, On February 19 you published a full account of the proposals of the study group set up by the Conservative Backbench Industry Committee, which are designed to achieve an investment-led recovery through the private sector. The basis of the recommendations is to promote new confidence in industry in the British financial system.

As a result of very thorough research the study group diagnosed an urgent need to provide an alternative to the UK's traditional methods of financing industrial investment. At present, payback periods of two to three years are seen as the normal criterion of investment, demanding an annual return in excess of 40 per cent to be viable. Many projects with rates of return of 20 per cent remain stillborn.

My study group's proposals to grant corporation tax relief at the date of payment of interest on industrial long-term loans will provide the dynamism necessary for our industrial renaissance. The cash flow cost of capital will be substantially reduced and industry enabled to expand and modernise by backing projects which, under current conditions, are not viable.

It is proposed that the banks carry the tax cost of the scheme on average for the first 18 months of the new productive investment which will be created, so there is no cost to the Exchequer during this period. Any subsequent cost will only emerge if the scheme is successful, and will be matched by the steady impact on the economy of substantial investment money, creating new wealth and jobs. Money supply will not be distorted as in the case when a consumer/import reflationary boom is created.

Much has been said and written in recent weeks about the measures which should be taken by the Government, and the Chancellor in particular, in his forthcoming Budget statement, to reduce industry's costs and to reflate the economy.

I totally support the Chancellor and the Government's priority of bringing inflation under control, resisting the temptation to increase Government spending of taxpayer's money for a short-lived boom. The harsh medicine which has been necessary to bring this country back into the real world of international trade and tough competition will have been suffered in vain if we do not allow the course of present policy to be completed and the full longer-term benefit obtained.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL GRYLLS,
Chairman, Conservative Industry Committee,
House of Commons.

Corruption in Nice

From Mr Graham Greene, CH

Sir, When I wrote to you recently on the corruption which prevails in the region of Nice, I had no intention of drawing a political argument from my very personal experience of the criminal *milieu* and of the corruption among a section of the police and the dubious conduct of certain *avocats* and magistrates. Ordinary people in the area have welcomed an attack on what a member of the Ministry of the Interior described to me as a "wall of corruption", whether the attack comes from a government of the right or the left. I have received many letters since then from men and women who have suffered what they feel as gross injustice in Nice.

However, the Mayor of Nice, Monsieur Jacques Médecin, has chosen to accuse me of being a political tool of the present administration, "un vieux gâteux" (an old dotard) and a writer seeking personal publicity. I hope, if he reads books, he will be amused and enjoy the next novel of the old dotard which contains no reference to the affairs of his city, though I can hardly expect him to enjoy in quite the same way my pamphlet, *J'Accuse*, which is now ready for publication.

Yours truly,
GRAHAM GREENE,
Antibes,
Alpes Maritimes.
March 1.

Enduring Latin

From Professor C. O. Brink

Sir, Mr K. Wellesley (February 26) is quite right to remark on the difference in scope and scale between what he calls "the modest and excellent Oxford Latin Dictionary," now happily completed, and the *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae*, the only Latin dictionary based on the whole surviving evidence up to the third century AD and on a large selection of the evidence up to the sixth century. As he hints, the work is international. In fact, if I may be forgiven a superlative, the *Thesaurus* is one of the most remarkable of international and collaborative efforts in recent scholarship.

Mr Wellesley will be glad to know that the British Academy, together with other academies, has been supporting the *Thesaurus* for a long time. Moreover in the last seven years the academy has been defraying a large part of the stipends of young classical scholars from this country, each working for two years or so as editorial assistants at Munich, and being "supported in decent poverty" for that purpose. This kind of arrangement benefits classical scholarship in this country as much as it benefits the great dictionary itself.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES BRINK,
Gonville and Caius College,
Cambridge.

Compulsory service to the community

From Dr C. H. Neville-Smith

Sir, I read with interest your editorial of February 27 ("Your country needs you") in which you state, "the abolition of conscription was a social tragedy". May one who experienced National Service express another view?

I had the advantage of carrying out my National Service, this for rather over two years between 1947 and 1949, as a doctor and a officer. After a brief period of instruction I worked at two large training stations.

At both, morale among the conscripts was abysmal. For the great majority, their training seemed pointless and little was said or done by their officers to persuade them otherwise. Indeed, few officers seemed to have any interest in the welfare of these young people in their charge. I was made much more aware of senior officers jockeying for favour around their station C.O. There may have been some social mix amongst the conscripts — though those I saw seemed predominantly the sons of unskilled workers — but it seemed to me that these lads had exchanged the relatively flexible class system of civilian life for the far more rigid apartheid between officers and men.

Far from being ennobled by their experiences, the young recruits learned little bar petty thieving, the operation of rackets and the skill to dodge honest work. There were many such camps throughout Britain. Tens of thousands of lads must have passed out from these establishments into civilian life, indoctrinated in the ethos of column-dodging. These habits of non-work have, since then, permatated British industrial life from shopfloor to boardroom.

Is it too fanciful to maintain that the seeds of Britain's postwar decline were sown in her peacetime service training camps?

Yours faithfully,
C. H. NEVILLE-SMITH,
The Old Manse,
Rendall,
Orkney,
Scotland.
March 3.

From Mrs Pamela Moore

Sir, I should like to pick out for emphasis and comment two points made in your very welcome leading article "Your country needs you" (February 27). They are, I believe, the ones which have the necessary moral force to give the debate we hope for some chance of making general and political progress, against the tremendous resistance to compulsory service represented by such cries as "cheap labour" and "militarism", a resistance to which your leader itself draws attention.

First of all, I think that the decisive preliminary emphasis should be on every citizen's responsibilities, which as you rightly say have been almost forgotten in the emphasis on "rights" at every level.

In my work, first as a schoolteacher and now as a college lecturer, I find that many pupils and students are at first taken aback by a strong emphasis on duties and responsibilities which they seem hardly to have encountered before, but in almost every case they respond as if to a drink of water in the desert.

Secondly, I think that the idea should be one of service to the community and society (with a choice of many tasks, including by all means military training and why not some form of reserve police training). It should have a strong local element in the placings to encourage a sense of community as well as a national one to encourage a sense of country. It should be put forward in its own right as long overdue and the need for it to be compulsory would eventually become clear. It should be seen neither as a palliative for unemployment nor, still less, as a way of reintroducing military conscription.

Doubtless the fact that its adoption would help ease the problems in both those areas would assist in the acceptance and adoption of such a policy (as the unemployment situation has helped the Manpower Services Commission with its long term plans for youth training). But that is another matter. If some such proposal as you discuss is to be floated and got under way a great deal will depend on its flying the appropriate flag.

Yours faithfully,
PAMELA MOORE,
Goldsmiths' College,
School of Education,
New Cross, SE14.
March 2.

Cricketers in S Africa

From Mr Edgar Palamountain

Sir, Congratulations to Lord Chalfont on his timely and courageous protest (March 3) against the emotional and hypocritical clamour over the English cricketers in South Africa — and to you for giving his letter the prominence it deserved.

Nobody, surely, can have forgotten the Moscow Olympics. Strong views were expressed about the merits of British representation but these were entirely in the context of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, without which there would have been no controversy. In the event every athlete who wished to participate did so and no sanctions were imposed — or, I think, even suggested — against those who did. Contrast this with the strident demands for ostracism of the English cricketers, a far less nationally representative body than the athletes.

This, Sir, is yet another example of the double standard, under which the suppression of human rights is (rightly) condemned in South Africa and South America but regarded with tolerance when practised by Communist and black African dictatorships.

As for the threat to the Commonwealth Games and other international contests, one may be permitted to wonder whether the cause of amity among nations might not in the end be advanced by their discontinuance. The idea that sport involving national prestige promotes harmony has looked increasingly threadbare for many years past.

Yours faithfully,
EDGAR PALAMOUNTAIN,
Duns Tew Manor,
Oxford.
March 3.

From Mr Donald Penheath

Sir, I applaud the action of Boycott and co in playing cricket in South Africa. *Any* action which serves to keep a racist regime permanently in the glare of global disgust is to be applauded. God help the disfranchised South Africans if the world were allowed to forget them.

In addition, why do those who are so quick to decry Boycott's action not expand their attack to include — and name — those many British business firms (and British Government agencies) in South Africa whose presence gives respectability to the regime and supports its continuance by colluding in the exploitation of cheap, black labour for profit?

When, do you suppose, shall we have an outcry from those in the United Kingdom living comfortably on their South African shares?

I am, Sir, yours, etc,
DONALD PENHEATH,
Porthcew,
Rinsey,
Helston,
Cornwall.
March 1.

From Mr Stephen Corrin

Sir, Lord Chalfont (letter, March 3) is not logical. If racial discrimination is (as he says) "abhorrent to the civilised mind," then he, as a civilised man, must surely abhor the discriminatory practices that are so painfully evident in South Africa. In which case, why should he at least not discourage, if not condemn, those sportsmen who go there to play for gain and thereby give comfort and possibly favourable publicity to a nakedly repressive regime?

Despite Lord Chalfont's rather hysterical suggestion to the contrary, citizens of this country are not normally deprived of freedom to practise their sporting activities wherever they wish to do so. But surely there are cases, and South Africa is one, where they should be strongly — and officially — discouraged from doing so.

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN CORRIN,
10 Russell Gardens, NW11.
March 3.

Badgers and disease

From Dr C. L. Cheeseman and others

Sir, Following the report in *The Times* of February 11 under the heading "Scientists doubt badger disease link" we, the authors of the paper referred to in the report, would like to record that the conclusion suggested by the headline could not be drawn from the information presented in our paper. Our findings cast no doubt on the role of the badger in the spread of tuberculosis to cattle. We fully concur with the views expressed previously by the Minister that in this very complex area there is a continuing need for detailed study into all aspects of this important disease problem.

Yours faithfully,
C. L. CHEESEMAN,
G. W. JONES,
J. GALLAGHER,
P. J. MALLINSON,
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and Animal Health Division,
Tolworth Tower,
Surbiton, Surrey.
March 4.

Uses of literature

From Mr R. P. Graves

Sir, In *The Times* today (February 25) Miss Marghanita Laski, Chairman of the Literature Panel of the Arts Council of Great Britain, asks for "viable ideas on how to increase the uses of literature throughout the community". What on earth does she mean?

Literature can be used for entertainment, for instruction, and for the enrichment of one's life. What other uses has it? When he was a young man, John Cowper Powys used to tear out pages from any book he happened to be reading at the time, in order to make a spill with which to light his pipe. Is this the sort of thing that Miss Laski means?

Later in her letter, she states that such ideas must be "genuinely concerned with increase in the use of literature as an art", which is even more baffling. Literature is either written, or not written; either read, or not read. How can one increase its use as an art? Sir, this is double-dutch.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD PERCEVAL GRAVES,
Pen-Y-Bryn House,
Boot Street,
Whittington,
Oswestry,
Shropshire.
February 25.

Future of interned Polish leaders

From Sir Bernard Braine, MP for Essex, South East (Conservative)

Sir, General Jarulzeski's announcement (report, March 4) of his readiness to let the interned leaders of Solidarity and the opposition movement to leave Poland without permission to return is a shocking act. It is not only a violation of the UN Charter of Human Rights, the Helsinki Agreement, and the fundamental principles of justice as we understand them in the West; it is worse. The aim is to remove a whole generation of leaders. In its political effect it is camparable to the wartime extermination of the Polish elite at Katyn and elsewhere in Russia.

Our Government is right in refusing to be an accomplice to such a crime. In condemning this latest outrageous decision of the Warsaw regime, condoned if not dictated by Moscow, we should continue to insist on the long overdue release of all who have been deprived of freedom under martial law. If, subsequently, some of them decide to seek asylum in this country they would be welcome, but this must be the result of their own free choice and not enforced by the threat of permanent imprisonment as the only alternative.

Yours truly,
BERNARD BRAINE, Chairman,
British "Solidarity with Poland" Campaign,
House of Commons.
March 5.

Lead in petrol

From Mr Des Wilson

Sir, The letter from Mr Anthony Fraser of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (March 4) perpetuates the unnecessary debate started by Professor Bryce-Smith (February 23) about whether existing cars will run on lead-free fuel. Most of those concerned about lead in petrol, including the Campaign for Lead-free Air (CLEAR), believe existing cars should be able to end their useful lives on leaded petrol whilst *new* cars are manufactured to run on lead-free and all petrol stations required to supply it. This is the way overseas countries are phasing out lead in petrol.

Mr Fraser completely distorts what CLEAR has said. We have not said that airborne lead is "the major contributor to lead in food"; what is a fact is that 90 per cent of all airborne lead comes from car exhausts, and it is both breathed in and eaten, and if we accept, as the British Medical Association board of science did this week, that "all forms of lead pollution should be eliminated", lead in petrol has to take the highest priority.

Secondly, we do not, as Mr Fraser said, "admit" that decisions by other countries to eliminate lead from petrol were made because of the effect of lead on catalytic converters to control other emissions. This was indeed a factor in the United States, but the Environmental Protection Agency and the US Court of Appeal have confirmed that the health factor was of equal importance. The basis of the Australian decision to move to lead-free petrol was the health evidence.

An analysis of the correspondence on this issue over the past few weeks shows the opposition to lead-free petrol is restricted almost entirely to the industries with a financial vested interest. While not being in the least surprised by their cynicism I am amazed that they cannot see the inevitability of a move to lead-free petrol and thus that even on purely selfish financial grounds it makes sense for them to start now.

Yours faithfully,
DES WILSON, Chairman,
Campaign for Lead-free Air,
2 Northdown Street, N1.
March 4.

No-claim bonus

From Mr D. Neville-Jones

Sir, In today's issue (March 1) Mr Michael Bishop reports that he is deterred from making a £50 claim under his insurance policy because he is told that this would "affect" his no-claims bonus.

My insurance company has this year offered me the chance of preserving my no-claims bonus. One condition is that I pay the first £50 of any claim.

Heads I win, tails you lose.

Yours faithfully,
D. NEVILLE-JONES,
9 Firs Avenue,
East Sheen, SW14.

Water mysteries

From Mr L. H. Bloor

Sir, I have this morning received from the Severn-Trent Water Authority my bill for the 12 months, 01/04/82 to 31/03/83. It tells me five times that my property reference (to be quoted in all enquiries) is 48847002502200X; three times, that my owner reference is 4883677; twice, that the Authority's Girobank credit account number is 4010426; and scattered about the bill and unlabelled are 30080,17082,%74010426 (twice), 15PA (twice), 20BA (twice) and << 300000+03363464 < 73X (twice)

When I was a boy we got our water (for free) from the brook, though one did need a certain amount of equipment — a yoke and two buckets. Even today my wife and I often dip a ladle in our rain-water butt.

How inefficient, irrational and un-scientific we have been, all these years!

Yours faithfully,
L. H. BLOOR,
22 Little Lunnon,
Dunton Bassett,
Lutterworth,
Leicestershire.
March 2.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 5: The Prince of Wales this afternoon attended a Commemorative Tree Planting Ceremony at Westonbirt Arboretum, Westonbirt, Gloucestershire.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Boeing Company in Seattle to see the new Boeing 757 from April 19 to 21.

The Duke of Edinburgh will present the Design Council's 1982 awards at the Barbican on April 28.

A memorial service for Dr L. H. Butler will be held at the Royal Holloway College, Egham, today at 3.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. A. Hancock and Miss S. C. Thornton
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Eric Hancock, of Harbury, Warwickshire, and Charlotte, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Thornton, of Souldern, Oxfordshire.

Mr J. R. B. Lovegrove-Fielden and Miss K. V. R. Reid
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mrs Anne Stevens, of Longden Manor, Shrewsbury, and the late Capt. J. F. Lovegrove, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Reid, of Rowton Manor, Craven Arms, Shropshire.

Mr J. Madden and Miss A. Greenwood
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Madden, of Halewood, Liverpool, and Anthea, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Greenwood, of St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Lord Boyle of Handsworth memorial concert

The Quartettesatz Quartet gave a concert last night in memory of Lord Boyle of Handsworth in aid of the Jinja Groups Trust at the Royal Society of Arts. Mrs Rudi Weisweiller, chairman of the trust, welcomed the guests and Baroness Phillips, Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, also spoke.

Moreton Hall, Shropshire

Awards, tenable from September 1982, have been made following the Entrance and Scholarship examinations:
Major scholarships: Tamala Brise and Alexandra Livesey, both of Mostyn House, Parkgate, Wirral. Minor scholarships: Helen Evans, [illegible], Newport, Shropshire; Christine Holt, already in school and formerly of Bryan [illegible] Bay College, New Zealand; Beverley Scott, The Alice Smith School, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Dartmouth passing-out

The following officers under training passed out from the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, on February 27. Captain Julian Oswald, the captain of the college, took the salute.
GENERAL LIST: Acting sub-lieutenant: P J Borsato.
3rd YEAR COMMISSION: Acting sub-lieutenants: M R L Fager, I C Fogg, R T Tustian, L R B Wallace; Midshipman: P A Chivers.

University news

Ulster
The following are to receive honorary degrees on July 8 and 9: Mr David Attenborough, the naturalist, Mrs Evelyn Burgess, for her contribution towards the Riverside Theatre, Lord Mais, for his contribution to public service, Mr Cyril Cusack, the actor, Mr R B Henderson, for his contribution to television in Northern Ireland, and the Rev T H Mullins, for his contribution to local history.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid):
Burntwood, Baron, of Lichfield, Staffordshire, Labour MP for Lichfield and Tamworth 1950-70 ... £18,210
Davies, Mr Owen Philip, of Leek Wootton, Warwickshire, company director ... £204,919
Grindon-Welch, Mrs Doris Louise, of Highclere, Berkshire ... £287,125
Littler, Mr Sydney, of Southport, Merseyside ... £743,378
Price, Mr Cecil, of Steeple Bumpstead, Essex ... £233,336
Rogers, Miss Ruby Lilian, of Budleigh Salterton ... £217,192
Shankland, Mr William Lambie Baillie, of Christleton, Chester, chairman and managing director of BICC Cables ... £115,426
Swain, Miss Cornelia Robina, of Leicester ... £238,210

Birthdays



The Right Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool, who is 53 today

TODAY: Miss M G Adam, 70; Mr William Davis, 49; Sir Archibald Forbes, 79; Sir Robert Fowler, 68; Professor Sir Charles Frank, 71; Mr Frankie Howerd, 60; Mr Lorin Maazel, 52; Lord Robertshall, 81; Sir Ian Dixon Scott, 73; the Hon Samuel Silkin, QC, MP, 64; Sir Peter Stallard, 67; Mr D H Whitaker, 51; Sir Oliver Wright, 61.

TOMORROW: Mr R Atkinson, 66; Sir Kingsley Collett, 76; Mr J O Hambro, 63; Sir Anthony Lambert, 71; Mr Justice Latey, 68; Mr Piers Paul Read, 41; Sir Anthony Rumbold, 71; Sir David Montagu Douglas Scott, 95; Lord Justice Oliver, 61; Mr Eduardo Paolozzi, 58; Mr I V A Richards, 30; the Earl of Snowdon, 52; Dame Margaret Weston, 56.

Dinners

Lord Brockway
Lord Brockway entertained members and guests of the International Cultural Exchange at dinner in the House of Lords yesterday. Among those present were the Ambassador of Morocco and Mme Mehdi Benabdeljalil, and Dr R. U. Hingorani, chairman.

Royal Society of Medicine
Dr G. Jackson Rees, President of the Section of Anaesthetics of the Royal Society of Medicine, and Dr W. D. Wylie, President of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland, accompanied by Mrs Jackson Rees and Mrs Wylie, were hosts yesterday at a joint council dinner held at the society's house on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland. Among the guests were:
Dr and Mrs J W Beard, Professor and Mrs T Cecil Gray, Dr and Mrs J A Lee, Sir Ivan Magill, Professor and Mrs W W Mushin, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Organe, Dr and Mrs C F Scurr and Dr and Mrs F F Waddy.

Midland and Oxford Circuit
The Midland and Oxford Circuit held a dinner last night at Middle Temple in honour of Mr Justice McCullough. Among those present were: The Leader and Deputy Leader of the Midland and Oxford Circuit, Lord Justice Eveleigh, Dame Elizabeth Lane, Mr Justice and Lady Talbot, Mr Justice Kilner Brown, Mr Justice Forbes, Mr Justice Stephen Brown, Mr Justice Wood, Mr Justice Skinner, Sir Graham Swanwick, Sir Walker Carter, Judge Brian Gibbens, Judge Stockdale, Judge Irvine, Judge Evans, QC, Judge Underhill, QC, Judge Jowitt, QC, and Mr Gareth Evans.

Cambridge University Law Society
The Cambridge University Law Society held their Annual dinner yesterday in King's College Hall. The guest speaker was Sir Robert Megarry, Vice-Chancellor, and those present included Lord Salmon, Mr R. W. M. Dias, Mr Eric Gummers, Miss Rona Haig (president elect), Miss Margaret Cole, Miss Judith Prior, Mr A. T. Sendall and Mr H. Bowman.

Old Tauntonian Association
The annual dinner of the Old Tauntonian Association took place at the Royal Commonwealth Society yesterday. Mr David B. Brighton, president, was in the chair and the principal guests were Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, Professor Sir Hugh Ford and Professor J. M. Roberts, president of the school council.

Service dinners

4th/5th Battalion The Essex Regiment
The annual dinner of the dining club of officers of the 4th and 5th Battalions, the Essex Regiment (TA) was held last night at the RAF Club. Major-General D. A. Backett presided and the guests included Major-General J. A. Ward-Booth and Lieutenant-Colonel A. Thompson, Commanding Officer 3rd Bn The Royal Anglian Regiment.

Pembroke Yeomanry
A reunion dinner of the Pembroke Yeomanry was held last night at the Officers' Mess, RAC Ranges, Castlemartin, to mark the 185th anniversary of the surrender of the French invaders at Fishguard. Colonel W. P. Howells presided.

Army Air Corps
The Army Air Corps Officers held their annual dinner last night in the Army Air Corps Headquarters Officers' Mess, Middle Wallop. The Colonel Commandant, Major-General M. B. Farndale, presided and Colonel C. Tyler, Colonel R. A. Waston and Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. Franklin were guests. General Sir John Mogg, General Sir Frank King, Major-General W. N. J. Withall, Director, Army Air Corps, and Major-General R. L. C. Dixon were present.

VICTORIAN HALL SAVED

A listed building designed by George Edmund Street, the Victorian architect, has been saved from demolition. Mr Cyril Chell, a businessman, of Stafford, has agreed to restore Eccleshall Memorial Hall, near Stafford.

Mr Chell has received planning permission to renovate the building and to convert it into a house.

The hall was built in 1862 and used as the village school but during the Second World War it became a cinema, and later it was used as the village hall. However, it fell into disrepair just over ten years ago and in 1974 an order giving consent for its demolition was granted.

Eccleshall Memorial Hall: Once used as a cinema.

Following the way of the Cross

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, when traditionally Christians prepare themselves for the annual observance of Christ's redemptive suffering. The solemnity of Lent reaches its climax in the events of Holy Week, culminating in the Last Supper in the upper room, in the agony in Gethsemane, the betrayal, the long night of trials, judgment and rejection, the scourging and crucifixion, death and burial.

If Jesus went through all that for us the least we can do is also to follow "the way of the Cross", identifying ourselves with him as best we may in "the fellowship of his sufferings". The closer we draw near to him in mind, spirit and imagination during the coming weeks the more we are likely to appreciate the meaning of the Cross and the victory it brought about.

In the new Alternative Service Book, Ash Wednesday is still designated a day of "discipline and self-denial", and the ancient practice of fasting in Lent may be regarded as implied and commended. But the liturgical authorities in their reforming processes have certainly damped down the awesome uneasiness with which Ash Wednesday was expected to be observed in earlier centuries.

The 1662 Book of Common Prayer authorized "A Commination, or denouncing of God's Anger and Judgments against sinners" to be used on the first day of Lent, and no one could emerge from that short service without a terrifying sense of being challenged by a harsh, corrective divine judgment. "Cursed" are those who in the slightest degree transgress the law, human and divine, and the congregation assent with their amens.

The 1928 Prayer Book toned it down from "Cursed" to "God shall judge", but such was the impact of accusation that any sensitive worshipper was apt to feel a near-criminal in the eyes of God and man. It was a punishing, if salutary, exercise to say the least. Even as recently as 1928 the preface to the Commination service reads:

> Brethren, in the Primitive Church there was a godly discipline, that, at the beginning of Lent, such persons as stood convicted of notorious sin were put to open penance, and punished in this world, that their souls might be saved in the day of the Lord; and that others, admonished by their example, might be the more afraid to offend.

It must have been embarrassing when those who had upset the local community by grievous misbehaviour were publicly humiliated and put to open penance as a matter of rightful discipline on Ash Wednesday. Evil was exposed and punished in order to preserve the wholesome good of the community and the severity of this pastoral discipline was accepted. Gratian, in the twelfth century, describes it all too vividly:

> On the first day of Lent the penitents were to present themselves before the bishop clothed with sackcloth, with naked feet, and eyes turned to the ground: and this was to be done in the presence of the principal of the clergy of the diocese, who were to judge of the sincerity of their repentence. These introduced them into the church where the bishop, all in tears, and the rest of the clergy, repeated the seven penitential psalms. Then rising from prayers, they threw ashes upon them, and covered their heads with sackcloth; and then with mournful sighs declared to them, that as Adam was thrown out of paradise, so they must be thrown out of the church.

Expulsion lasted a week, a month, or longer. Restoration and reconciliation signalled the completion of "sentence", but the discipline drew attention to the social rights of the community, the moral accountability to all in the neighbourhood, and the authority of the church to adjudicate in those days. By comparison, we sit uncommonly lightly on all three today.

To mark the beginning of Lent nothing can do more good for one's soul than to read and meditate on the penitential Psalm 51. Different verses will speak to different people, depending on their condition and need, but no one can escape the message of confession and absolution. "Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me". Only then will we feel worthy enough to "take up our cross", and accompany him who invites each one of us to "Follow me".

For others it may mean a return to regular worship, a sharing with others in the offering of prayer and praise, of hearing the Word of God, of being infused with a sense of the divine presence, and of being enriched by grace in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Others may decide that systematic Bible study, using notes such as those prepared by the Bible Reading Fellowship, is the best way of increasing one's knowledge of the scriptures and understanding the "mind of Christ". Others have been "present" on the way to the Cross by walking the Via Dolorosa while on pilgrimage in Jerusalem.

In these and other ways, Lent will have proved its value as a time of spiritual discipline. But whether to fast or undertake some other specific obligation is a matter for each person to decide.

Ian Thomson

Miss Grace Kennedy, the singer, outside Marylebone register office, in London, yesterday, after her marriage to Mr Robert Winsor, a businessman.

Town split over visit by Prince

From Our Correspondent
Swansea

Carmarthen has been split by a dispute over the proposed visit of the Prince of Wales and his regiment on April 30 to receive the freedom of the town. The mayor does not want to meet him as Colonel in Chief of the Welsh Guards, the annual mayor-making has been brought forward and the local sheriff has resigned.

Mr Peter Griffiths, the Mayor, said he was a pacifist and a Christian and because of that he did not want to greet the Prince. The local council then brought forward the mayor-making to supplant him before the visit. But that meant that the town would also have a new sheriff, and Mr Evan Lewis, the present sheriff has resigned in protest.

Mr Eric Jones, the mayor's secretary and clerk of the council, said Mr Griffiths had made clear that he did not want to entertain as mayor when the regiment received the freedom of Carmarthen.

"He is not against the Prince as such, but does not want to be mayor when the ceremony takes place.

The council had asked the Welsh Guards to come in August after Mr David Thomas, the mayor-elect, took over. But the regiment, which is due to be posted abroad, suggested April 30.

The mayor-making, has been switched to April 28. Mr Jones said Mr Lewis, aged 70, had wanted to be sheriff for the royal visit to give his grandchildren something to remember him by.

Exhibitors fight to keep TV curb on films

By Kenneth Gosling

Film exhibitors yesterday described as totally unrealistic any attempt that might be made by the BBC to show films on its new satellite subscription service within six to eight weeks of their first cinema showing.

Representations to that effect are to be made to the Home Office by the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association, which said yesterday that it had taken steps to ensure that its views were made known.

The launching of two separate satellite services by the BBC in 1986 was announced by Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, on Thursday.

Afterwards Mr Alasdair Milne, managing director of BBC Television and the corporation's director-general designate, described the restriction placed on cable companies preventing them showing films less than a year old as untenable and said the BBC would press the Home Office for it to be changed.

They wanted, he said, to get films quickly on to the subscription service six to eight weeks after they opened in the cinema, when they had exhausted their cinema potential.

Mr Edward Lee, general secretary of the CEA, said it had been its policy for many years to require a time lapse between a film's cinema showing and its transmission on television.

"As far as we are concerned as exhibitors, that position must be retained. The lapse started at 10 years, came down to five and is now three. A film could be in the West End of London for more than six weeks.

"The creation of value in any film comes from its showing in cinemas, and it is of no significance until it has had all the advertising and promotion that comes from a cinema release. We have had this awful albatross round our necks of material made for the cinema being used by our competitors to cut the cinema's throat."

The present time lapse was inadequate, he said, but should be retained. And they saw no reason, he added, why broadcasting by satellite should be regarded as any different from any other form of broadcasting.

☐ Reservations about the new satellite services were expressed yesterday by Mr Alan Sapper, general secretary of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians.

The proposals, he said, represented a threat of deregulation of broadcasting in Britain and trade union agreements would be in danger. He also felt that many working people would be cut off from the full range of television programmes on offer because they would not be able to afford the dish aerials and additional subscription payments.

Some experts cast doubt yesterday on the BBC's estimate of £250 as the initial cost of the dish aerial and other equipment; the figure was said to be nearer £400. And there may be environmental objections to the installations of aerials on rooftops.

That, coupled with Britain's windy weather, is likely to mean many aerials being sited lower down, which in turn could mean that many people will opt to be connected to a master reception point for the satellite signals, and more work for the cable industry.

Home Office fears that a proliferation of cable services throughout Britain would lead to a decline in broadcasting standards were likened by one cable expert yesterday to "King Canute trying to stop the tide".

The Department of Industry is known to want to encourage the fullest possible development of cable technology, leading to the arrival of home shopping and banking facilities as well as many other services linked with cable television.

Cable interests are anxious not to see the Government "fiddle around" while all the opportunities are snapped up by foreign interests. "In many ways", one leading authority said, "we are already too late to keep the cable industry going".

☐ An announcement is expected soon of the Government's intention to license construction of a national network of two-way fibre-optic cables which would make reception cheaper and easier for most households and give access to a great range of extra services (Our Political Editor writes).

A report on the potential market for cable information and services, and of the benefits for industry and employment of allowing early development, is to be published before the end of the month.

Ministers have provisionally decided to legislate in the next session of Parliament so that British industry can make early plans for investment in a field which promises rapid expansion but will attract powerful competition from foreign suppliers. The Government hopes that the first cables will be laid next year.

The immediate need is for the Government to give guidance to industry on how television services should be expanded

Memorial meeting

Dr I. B. Horner
A memorial meeting for Dr I. B. Horner was held in Newnham College Library yesterday. The Principal of Newnham College, presided and Mr G. H. W. Rylands read from Dr Horner's *Anthology of Early Bhuddist Poetry*. Lady Bragg gave an address.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Prebendary S. A. Williams, to be an extra chaplain to the Queen after his retirement as a chaplain.

Services tomorrow: Second Sunday in Lent

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Benedicite Ashfield in F, Jubilate: William Child (The Service in Gamut), Canon Webster; 11.30 HC Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams) Introit: Lord, for thy tender mercies sake. Attrib. (John Hilton). E 3.15. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis Walmisley in D Minor. A. O Lord, Look down from heaven (Battishill); Rt Hon. The Lord Coggan; formerly Archbishop of Canterbury.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M and S 10.30. Miserere Allegri Salvator mundi Blow. The Dean: Holy Communion 11.40 said. E and S, 3.0. Blow in G. Cast me not away: S. S. Wesley. Canon Knapp-Fisher. 6.5. Recital by Westminster Schools, Atlanta. E 6.30 The Dean.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC 9. Cathedral Eucharist 11. Missa Brevis (Lennox Berkeley). A. In manus tuas (Shepherd). The Lord is my shepherd (Lennox Berkeley). The Provost. Cathedral Evensong 3.30. Noble in B minor A. O Lord look down from heaven (Battishill). Rev. G. McPhate.
THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist 11.15. Wood in the Phrygian Mode. Canon Bean.
THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): 11.15 Sung Eucharist. Great Service (Byrd) and Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina). Rev D Harris.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, (public welcomed) HC, 8.30, Parish Communion 11. Archdeacon of Lancaster. A. Christe Adoramus te (Monteverdi).
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: M 11, Rev P M Brooke; HC 12 noon.
GREY'S INN CHAPEL: H. C. 8.30.
LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited, entry via Lincoln's Inn Gateway): 11.30, Morning Prayer and Sermon. A. "Ah! Thou Poor World" (Brahms) 1833–1897 arr. Russell. Rev F V A Boyse.
TOWER OF LONDON (public welcomed): HC, 9.15. M, 11 Ben Gibbons (short service), A. Vinea Mea Electa (Poulenc). The Chaplain.
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, (public welcomed). HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, followed by HC: Benedicite Omnia Opera — Dyson in F. Benedictus — Temple Chant. A. Remember, Oh Lord, What is Come Upon Us. (Walmisley). The Master.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30 Choral Eucharist 11 Byrd Mass for 4 voices. To thee, O Lord (Rachmaninov). Venerable. R H Roberts.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist 11. Byrd five-part Mass. Motet. Ave Verum Corpus (Byrd) E 3.30. Morley fauxbourdons. A. Nolo Mortem Peccatoris (Morley).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist 11. Rev M Beech.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.15 17.10.20, HM, 11. Missa Brevis. Malyas Seiber. Rev C J Somers-Edgar; Solemn Evensong and Benediction 6. The Short Service (Gibbons). Rev J Slater (vicar, St Saviour's Warwick Avenue).
ALL SOULS, Langham Place: 11, Rev J Stott; 6.30. Preb. M Baughen.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11. Missa Undique Flammatis (Handel) Miserere (Allegri) Rev Dr A W Marks.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton: HC 8. Sung HC 11. Rev S Millar; E S 6.30. Rev P Whitworth.
HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS, Prince Consort Road, SW7: HC 8.30; Choral Mattins and Eucharist, 11.00, A O vos omnes (Dering). Rev Dr A M Israel.
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street (Sloane Sq Tube): HC 8.30, HC 10.30 Canon Roberts HC 12.10.
ST ALBANS, Holborn: 9.30 SM, 11.00 HM Fr Gaskell Missa Quinti Toni (Lassus). O Vos Omnes (Dering); 5.30 LM.
ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; Choral Eucharist, 11. Missa Brevis (Seiber). A Through Thy Submitting All (Bennett). The Rector: E 6.30, Morley (Plainsong FB). A. Nolo Mortem Peccatoris (Morley). Litany (Tallis) in procession, Rev R Fenwick.
ST BRIDES, Fleet Street, HC, 8.30; Choral Matins and Eucharist 11. (Preb Dewi Morgan); Choral Evensong 6.30 (Rev W Boulton).
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist, 11 Batten (Short Service), A. Miserere (Allegri). The Rector.
ST JAMES'S, Garlickhill (City), HC 10.30, Prebendary D W C Mossman.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8 30; Sung Eucharist, 11.00, EP 6.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: Sung Eucharist, 11.00, Canon Beeson.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion 9.45, N Ingram-Smith; Morning Service 11.15, Rev G Baker; HC 12.30. Choral Evensong 4.15, Evening Service 6.30. Rev K Greet; HC 7.30.
ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8 and 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Miss M Butcher M 11.15 Rev P Deuron; E 6.30 Rev I. L. Robson.
ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH, HC, 8 and 11: Dss June Winfield: Miss A Tribus vocibus (Byrd), Suscipe Quaeso Domine (Tallis) 6.30, Rev Dr M Israel, Ministry of Healing, laying of hands.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8 15, Family Service 11 Rev K Habersham, E.6.30 Rev E G H Saunders.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8 and 9, Solemn Eucharist 11, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Rev A C C Courtland.
ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: 11, Rev K Townley; 6.30 Mr A McGahan.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, LM, 8, 9; HM 11 Mass in A minor (Casciolini), Prebendary Herbert Moore, stations o the cross and B 6.
ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Canon ffrench-Beytagh, Petite Messe Pastorale (Sauguet), A. like as we do put our trust (Wesley).

ST COLUMBA'S, (Church of Scotland) Pont Street: 11 and 6 30 Rev W A Cairns.
CROWN COURT CHURCH, (Church of Scotland) Russell Street, Covent Garden WC2: 11.15 and 6.30, Holy Communion.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDERAL: M 7, 8, 9, 10.30 (Sung) Peccantem me quotidie (Palestina) Ne Irascaris civitas sancti tui (Byrd), 12 noon, 5.30 and 7pm. Vespers and Benediction 3.30pm.
THE ORATORY, SW7: Mass in G (Vaughan Williams), Meditator in mandatis tuis (Palestrina): LM 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 4.30, 7, Vesp & Benediction 3.30. Domine Convertere (Lassus).
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place (Holborn Circus): Mass: Plainsong, Gradual: Tua Jesu Dilectio (Palestrina) Offertory: Tu Es Petrus — Clemens "non papa".
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood: SM (Latin) 10.45 Mass in G Minor. (Vaughan Williams); Salvator Mundi (II) (Tallis).
THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: 7.30, 8 30, 10, 11 Sung Latin Mass), 12, 4.15, 6.15.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: (United Reformed), Tavistock Place 11 Rev. Wesley Workman; 6.30, Rev. W. Reid Findlay.
ST JOHN'S WOOD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian/Congregationalist), Lord's Roundabout, NW8: 11am Rev. J. Miller.
CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr R. John Tudor.
WEST LONDON MISSION, Hinde Street Methodist Church, W1: 11 and 6.30 David Ensor.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: EC: 11 and 6.30 Rev. Dr B Johanson.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, 11 and 6.30, Rev. Dr R. T. Kendall.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road: 11, Rev. Dr R. G. Gibbins.

OBITUARY

REV DR NORMAN H. SNAITH

Methodist Old Testament scholar

The Rev Dr Norman H Snaith, a former President of the Methodist Conference and a distinguished Old Testament scholar, died on March 3, at his home in Ipswich. He was 83.

The son of a minister of the Primitive Methodist Church, he was born in Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, and educated at Manchester Grammar School and Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where he read mathematics. At Mansfield College, Oxford, where he trained for the ministry, he studied Oriental languages under Dr G Buchanan Gray and was Kennicott Scholar.

After his ordination in 1925 he served as a minister in west London, Gateshead, Durham and Luton before becoming in 1936 a tutor in Old Testament languages at Headingley College, Leeds. His long association with Headingley College, of which he became principal in 1954, was interrupted briefly during the war when he returned to pastoral work and became a popular radio preacher.

Dr Snaith was the editor of the *New Hebrew Bible* (Bible Society, 1958) which was regarded as a significant improvement on its predecessor, the Letteris text. He was a member of the translation panel of the *New English Bible*. In 1944 he published *The Distinctive Ideas of the Old Testament* (Epworth Press) widely regarded as his most important contribution to Old Testament Studies. In 1948 he published *The Jewish New Year Festival*, a controversial study of ancient Israelite worship.

In 1957 he was President of the British Old Testament Society and the following year he was President of the Methodist Conference. After his retirement from Headingley College in 1961 he was for four years Speaker's Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Oxford.

He married Winifred H Graham who died last year. He is survived by three children.

MR G. D. EVERINGTON

Mr Geoffrey Devas Everington, QC, the senior member of the Patent Bar, has died at the age of 66.

The second son of a doctor, he was educated at Westminster and was admitted as a student of Gray's Inn in 1934, being called to the Bar in 1939.

He joined the chambers of the late Sir Lionel Heald, as a pupil to Sir Patrick Graham, but soon found himself among those whose career was disrupted by the Second World War. Because of asthma, which afflicted him throughout his life, he contributed to the war effort by working on the technical side of the aircraft industry.

With his great facility in quickly grasping the details of technical issues and his capacity for hard work, he soon established himself as one of the busy Patent Juniors when he returned to the Bar. This he achieved in spite of his asthma.

He represented the Bar on the Banks Committee which made what must be the most thorough study of patent law by such a committee. Its report in 1970 was part of the material on which the 1977 Patents Act was based.

He took Silk in 1968 and continued to be busy as a leader up to his death. The Reports of Patent Cases show his name figuring in many of the important cases of those years.

He always took an active part in the life of Gray's Inn, and for many years was a member of the Chapel choir. In 1976, he was made a Bencher.

Everington possessed those qualities which make for excellence in his profession: he was a formidable foe whom it was impossible to catch out; above trickery; unfailingly courteous to all; blessed with a lively, even impish, sense of humour; always ready to help anyone with a problem; and a warm-hearted friend.

In 1951 he married Laila Nissen Hovind, and they had four sons and three daughters.

SAM JONES

Sam Jones, the American jazz musician who played the double-bass in the groups of Julian "Cannonball" Adderley, Oscar Peterson and others, has died in New York. He was 57.

Born in Jacksonville, Florida on November 12, 1924, Jones performed with Thelonious Monk and Dizzy Gillespie during the 1950s, winning admiration for his powerful rhythmic sense, large tone and accurate intonation. His tenure with Adderley's group, lasting from 1959 to 1966, coincided with that ensemble's period of great popularity, and Jones performed on the original recordings of such popular tunes as "This Here" and "Work Song".

Three years with Peterson's trio were followed by appearances with pianists Bobby Timmons and Wynton Kelly, with the New York Bass Choir, and with the quartet of another pianist, Cedar Walton. The latter group visited London several times during the 1970s, and its performances were always marked by the mature discretion and profundity of Jones's contribution.

Jones performed occasionally on the cello, was the author of several compositions and appeared on many recordings.

LIEUT-GEN SIR F. G. WRISBERG

Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick George Wrisberg, KBE, CB, Colonel Commandant, Royal Artillery, 1950-60, died on February 26 at the age of 87.

The son of Captain F. W. Wrisberg, RA, he saw service in the First World War in France and Belgium and was wounded. He was Director of Weapons Production from 1940 to 1943 and from 1943 to 1946 Director-General of Weapons and Instrument Production, Ministry of Supply. From 1946 until his retirement in 1949 he held the post of Controller of Supplies, Ministry of Supply. He was chairman of Linotype and Machinery Ltd, from 1960 to 1966.

He married in 1918 Margaret, daughter of C Ward. They had one daughter. His wife died in 1978.

Ivy Duchess of Portland, DBE, widow of the seventh Duke of Portland, died on March 3. She was 94. The daughter of Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox, she was Maid of Honour to Queen Alexandra from 1912 to 1915. Her husband died in 1977.

MR A. W. STONE

Mr Archibald William Stone, who has died in Barnet in his 100th year, was founder, later chairman and finally president of Palmer and Harvey, Ltd, the well-known firm of wholesale tobacconists and confectioners.

As a youth in the early years of the century he worked his way across Canada logging and working on farms. He returned to Britain in 1906 and set up a retail tobacconist's shop in north London. Seventy-five years later he opened his sixtieth branch.

Air Marshal Sir Philip Livingston, KBE, CB, AFC, FRCS, who died on February 13 at Duncan, British Columbia, was Director-General of RAF Medical Services from 1948 to 1951. He was a member of the winning Cambridge crew in the university boat race of 1914.

Sarah Ferrati, the Italian actress known for her roles in works by Shakespeare, Henrik Ibsen, George Bernard Shaw and leading Italian dramatists, died on March 3. She was 75.

Low mound at Repton may be Viking burial site

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Excavations at the Mercian royal site of Repton, Derbyshire, have uncovered a curious structure which may be a "Dane's Grave", a Viking burial mound.

It consists of a low mound, now in the vicarage garden, with evidence of a destroyed building and a plethora of disarticulated human remains. The precise function, other than its general funerary nature, remains uncertain and the dating of the use of the structure to the 10th or 11th century is well attested.

The excavation is taking place as part of the eighth season of work at Repton, under the direction of Mr Martin Biddle, Mrs Birthe Kjölbye-Biddle and Dr Harold Taylor. The project began in 1974, with the excavation of deposits around the chancel of the church of St Wystan, martyred king of Mercia and a simultaneous study of the standing architecture (*The Times*, August 30, 1974). It has since encompassed the discovery of the Viking winter camp of AD 873-4.

The mound is badly damaged, having been dug into in 1914, in the 1780s and in 1686. On the first occasion, Simon Degg reported in the *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society* for 1727, a local inhabitant reported that a 9ft high giant had been found, surrounded by 100 other burials

Two interpretations of the structure seem possible, given that the actual construction of the mound itself (as opposed to its use) is undated.

The first is that the mound was thrown up around a building that had been used for an important burial of the Viking period; the second is that a pre-existing mound was utilized for a building, perhaps a small chapel, constructed either for a Viking burial or as part of the Anglo-Saxon monastery which lay around the shrine of St Wystan.

Saturday Review

Each night at the Mermaid Theatre, Alec McCowen plays an unrepentant Adolf Hitler, discovered alive in South America, in Christopher Hampton's adaptation of George Steiner's The Portage to San Cristobal of A. H. In a long and passionate self-defence, Hitler argues that the Jews have a lot to thank him for.

ADOLF HITLER, 1982

'Would Palestine have become Israel, would the Jews have come to that barren patch of the Levant, had it not been for the Holocaust? Perhaps I am the Messiah, the true Messiah . . .'

Peter Trievnor

Who do you think you are kidding, Mr Hitler?

by Martin Gilbert

The historian and official biographer of Winston Churchill

The new play at the Mermaid theatre, *The Portage to San Cristobal of A.H.* ('A.H.' being Adolf Hitler), is causing considerable controversy. No doubt its author intended that this *should be so. If the play had* been a work solely of literary *imagination, no* historian would have cause to be perturbed.

In this play, however, the arguments which make such an impact on the audience are primarily historical, although some which are *theological* are equally damaging, and will need to be answered by a theologian.

Replies to the charges in this play have to be made outside the framework of the play itself, because absolutely no attempt is made on stage to give any balance whatsoever. At the *historical level, the stage-Hitler* presents, unanswered, a series *of accusations against* the Jews launched with linguistic skill and oratorical effect. The author's challenge to our sluggish minds appears to succeed by a recital of historical 'facts' which, apparently, we had hitherto overlooked.

The first part of the play, before Hitler's 'defence' of his actions, already contains a number of historical errors. Thus one of the Jewish characters *asks: "Unless Hitler was a* Jew, how else would he know we would walk so *calm into the* fire?"

This loose and provocative remark indicates a lack of knowledge on the part of the author of the Jewish response to persecution in the war years: armed resistance in dozens of ghettos, tens of thousands of acts of individual resistance, courage in the face of overwhelming odds, the heroism of the starving and the unarmed *against* the military might of victorious armies and armed thugs. All this is ignored, not even hinted at.

Lack of knowledge of the historical record is again shown in an offhand remark about Churchill's reaction to the Jewish appeals to bomb the railways and crematoria. We are told in this play: "The Old Man didn't want to know anything about that — it was not his sort of war". In fact, Churchill, having been *shown* the first Jewish request for bombing, *wrote* immediately to Anthony Eden: "Get anything out of the Air Force you can, and invoke me if necessary."

As for Churchill's attitude to the war being separate from the persecution aspect, as the author alleges, this is not borne out by the evidence. On the contrary, speaking in the House of Commons in September 1942 he described the deportation of Jews as "the most bestial, the most squalid" of all the Nazi offences, which illustrated "as *nothing* else can the utter degradation of the Nazi nature *and theme*, and the degradation of all who lend themselves to its unnatural and perverted passions".

In his monologue in the second part of the play, the stage-Hitler makes several unanswered assertions. The first historical assertion is that no one came to the rescue of the Jews, the implication being that the world without exception shared Hitler's attitudes.

"When I turned on the Jews", says the stage-Hitler, "no one came to their *aid, no* one". In fact thousands of non-*Jews helped Jews. At one death* camp alone, 1,500 Poles were executed for helping Jews. The Bulgarian Parliament refused to allow the deportation of even one of the 48,000 Jews living in Bulgaria. The Danish authorities ferried nearly 2,000 Jews across the sea to safety in neutral Sweden. The Finnish Government refused to deport 2,000 Jews from Helsinki to Germany.

The Archbishop of one Greek island, Zante, saved all 250 *Jews of his island* by giving them havens in remote villages, and threatening to share their fate if deported. Tens of thousands of French, Belgian and Italian Jews were saved by villagers and priests who took them in at risk to their own lives.

The stage-Hitler's monologue *is dominated*, however, by his claim that without the Holocaust, there would have been no State of Israel. This once again unchallenged allegation is listened to by the Jews on the stage, who are made to appear as meek, mawkish schoolboys, caught out by the legacy of their own wrong-doing, and forced to listen to an unexpected but deserved rebuke.

And what a rebuke it is! The Holocaust itself, the murder of six million Jews, was the one *event which created* the State of Israel, giving Hitler, so he *demands, pride of place* in the Zionist pantheon. It is as if the manufacturers of the doodlebug insisted upon a substantial credit for all injury payments to surviviors of the flying bomb.

There is of course no doubt that events in Europe after 1939 radicalized the Zionist movement, and encouraged most Zionist leaders to demand statehood, rather than, say, Commonwealth status within a federal system of Jewish and Arab cantons, a plan many had favoured before 1939. But the *events after the outbreak of* war which transformed Zionism *from a programme* of compromise to one of confrontation neither began nor ended with the Holocaust.

These events included the wider context both of Allied reactions to Nazi policy before the war, and of the treatment of the survivors after the war by one of these same Allied Governments which, having destroyed Nazism, and thus in effect ended the Holocaust, *now urged the survivors* to remain in Europe, and took substantial steps to keep them there.

When the stage-Hitler declaims that, but for himself and his Holocaust, there would be *no State of* Israel, he *mouths a* persuasive but simplistic half-truth. Yet none of the stage Israelis who listen to his historical cliché do anything more than look sheepish.

No effort was made by the writer even to hint at the *incompleteness* of the argument which was presented, not only with a *demonic vehemence* as indeed befitted Hitler, but with a *show* of historic knowledge which suggested an embarrassing truth. Ironically, the real Hitler had understood from his earliest days that falsehood and innuendo, if presented with sufficient flurry of indignation, and apparent truth, could fool most of the people most of the time, and turn hitherto eccentric fringe *lunacies* into acceptable argument and then belief.

But to my mind the basic mocking fallacy of the claim that without the Holocaust there would have been no State *of Israel lies elsewhere*. The aim of the pre-war Zionists (both *Weizmann's moderates* and Jabotinsky's revisionists) was *to build up* the Jewish national home in Palestine with the most creative of Polish and European Jewry: the writers and artists, skilled technicians and artisans, specially trained farmers, teachers, doctors, lawyers etc, who were *in fact* the victims of the Holocaust. Many of them were being trained and organized in pre-war *Europe* to go to Palestine as certificates became available, and to prepare the Jewish National Home of the Mandate for eventual self-government, and then statehood. Very few of these "pioneers" survived. They were, indeed, often the very first victims of Nazi rule.

Far from creating Israel, as the stage-Hitler insists, the Holocaust deprived the new state of those very people for whom it had been envisaged, *whose efforts and zeal were to* make it possible, and whose *qualities were intended to* give it the best of European civilization and democracy, as well as solely Jewish characteristics and culture. The virtues of all that was of merit in the life of Warsaw, Prague and Budapest, as well as the historical Jewishness of bible and diaspora, were to be at the service of the new Jerusalem.

The Holocaust ensured that these pioneers never came. All that remained in Europe in 1945 were remnants. Most of those wanted only to return to their pre-war homes and were encouraged *to do so by* the victorious Allies. On doing so, they found hostility, and in Poland more than a thousand were murdered in cold blood by Polish gangs, on their return. After the murder of 41 Jewish men, women and children in the Polish town of Kielce in April 1946, the exodus began: not the Holocaust, but its aftermath, was *the cause*. And not the already murdered pre-war pioneers, *but a tiny remnant*, many of them broken in body and *spirit, some* brutalized, others apathetic, turned towards Palestine. Thus it was that instead of the great reservoir of more than six million from which to draw, a mere 2 per cent, including many whose experiences had crushed them, survived the concentration camps to make their way to the new state.

The development of that state, far from being the creation of the Holocaust, had much wider historical origins than alleged by the stage-Hitler, who naturally made no reference, and had allowed no one to interrupt him, in order to refer to such principal factors as the centrality of Zion in Jewish religious teaching and prayer ("next year in Jerusalem"): the *secular Zionist ideology* and immigration launched by Russian *Jews in the 1880s; the* Balfour Declaration of 1917 *(giving British approval, no* doubt for selfish reasons of state policy, to a "Jewish Nationl Home" in Palestine); the League of Nations Mandate of 1922 (giving international backing to the continued Jewish immigration needed in order to set up such a home); and the building up of a Jewish community in Palestine in the inter-war years, both by immigration, and by the encourage*ment and protection of* the Mandate Power, Britain.

By the time Adolf Eichmann visited Palestine four years *before* the Holocaust, he found there a strongly organized and motivated *local* Jewish community, complete with its "national" *council, its* education budget, its industrial *policies, and* a secular, *socialist* Trade Union movement linked with European trade unionism.

Only two of the many landmarks on the Jewish road to statehood were of the period of the Holocaust, or after. The first was the Biltmore Conference in New York in 1942, the second was the United Nations vote in 1947 in favour of a *Jewish* State in a partitioned Palestine.

Biltmore had as its motive force a fierce American Jewish *reaction against the pre-war* British White Paper policy of 1939. It was a protest against the apparently Whitehall-based decision to make a Jewish majority in Palestine impossible for all time, by means of what Churchill himself had denounced as an Arab "veto" on all Jewish immigration after five years (a "veto" that was *thus to come into effect* in mid-1944).

The United Nations vote of 1947, in which the votes of the Soviet Union and its Communist allies were a *numerical* sine-qua-non, had reasons far *too complex* to be dismissed as the Holocaust alone.

Even in the United States, the pressures on President *Truman* had mounted, not because of what had happened to the Jews in the years before his presidency, but because of the British Government's refusal, during his presidency, to allow the Jewish survivors to go to Palestine.

The United States vote was further influenced, not by memories of the Holocaust, but by the actual deportation back to Europe (and even to Germany) of Jews who had succeeded in reaching the quayside at Haifa. The capture of the immigrant ship Exodus made its *emotional impact because* the return of its refugees to *Europe was laid at the door of* the British Government, and brought the emergence of the Jewish state much nearer. The fortified centre of Jerusalem was nicknamed Bevingrad, not Hitlerstadt.

These pre- and post-war episodes constitute an integral part of the complicated and controversial fabric of the emergence of Jewish statehood, so crudely simplified in the stage-Hitler's monologue. It may of course be argued that because these accusations come out of the mouth of a fictional stage-*Hitler, they are therefore* to be dismissed. But for anyone *without a knowledge of the* current historical debate, the stage-Hitler's historical arguments possess a deceptive attraction; and being attractive, they serve, ironically, to give the real Hitler a posthumous credibility, not merely among the gullible. Art can be no excuse for setting in motion a set of false historical charges against a whole people.



Robin Jaques

Bonfires and carol-singing

Every day, from around the middle of October, you may see people going up the lanes *of the* village *pushing* wheelbarrows, old prams or *bicycles with baskets*, laden with all manner of burnable refuse. *Guy* Fawkes night comes at a useful time for gardeners, everyone is clearing up. The pushers and pullers heave up the steep hill that runs out of the village to the east, Norman Lane, at the top of which is the football field on which the Youth Club and the Cubs and Scouts will construct that wondrous edifice, the Barley Bonfire.

Because the field is at the top of the hill, and there are *wide views all* the way round, the Barley Bonfire is also lit *to celebrate royal* and national events. But the Guy Fawkes one comes at the best time of all, it has a pagan magic that draws all who can make the climb to the top, to stand in a wide circle around the fire as it roars up and the sparks and smoke fly free. Someone brings *hot soup in* an urn and dishes it out from *the back of an estate* wagon, others have baskets of bread *rolls and sausages* kept hot in foil, and there are toffee apples for the children.

Away from the light of the fire, at the edges of the field, is darkness, and you creep away from it, nearer to the warmth, and the people, understanding why primitive man huddled around the sticks he had learned how to burn. As we walk back home through the village, the smell of the bonfire *merges* with the smoke from everyone's chimney, and *when* we get indoors and hang up our coats and *scarves, the* smokiness clings to them, too, and *the next morning* there is the smell of old ash and charred *earth on the wind*. There is a smell to *every* season, and smoke outdoors is the smell of November.

The Church, of course, *doesn't mark* Guy Fawkes night, but December the sixth is the feast of St. Nicholas and as Barley Church is dedicated to him there is a St. Nicholas feast which takes place in the church itself. So does the Parish harvest supper.

Barley is a very party-minded village, there is always much to-ing and fro-ing between houses, with people wearing *their finery* under overcoats, cars full of excited children *emptying* on to doorsteps. Nearly everyone has a lighted Christmas tree in the window and a *holly wreath* tied with red ribbons on the front door, and there are often little parcels on doorsteps, pots of preserves tied with a bow on top or bottles of home-made wine and cider and sloe gin. But the best of the Christmas celebration is the carol singing on Christmas Eve.

This year Christmas eve came cold; frost lay hard as iron, the gutters and taps hung with icicles like sugar sticks and all the rooftops and stone walls, the garden fences and the gravestones, gleamed phosphorescent, like silver snails' trails, where it had rained a little that morning and then suddenly frozen. Our breaths plumed out on the air, our footsteps rang, the stars prickled. There was that curious crackling feel to the atmosphere as it touched faces and fingers. Barley lay empty and beautiful under the frost-rimmed moon. Behind closed doors and curtained windows, in firelight and lamplight, people waited.

The singers arrived, and there was much blowing on hands and stamping and sucking of those red winter cough drops that smell of *paraffin and cloves*, and then, piling out of car and off *bicycles, the players, mostly* older children who belong to a *nearby* silver band; a trombone and two trumpets, a clarinet, several recorders, a saxophone; the leader played the flute and had a music stand borne ahead of her and set down at each stopping place by two eager pupils. More puffing and blowing and tuning up, a lot of throat clearing.

The vicar, wreathed in mufflers, said a prayer, gave a blessing, went home, coughing, and we were off, to the corner of the Old Manor House, and by the almshouses, down as far as old Miss Reevers, whose dog barked, though she herself gave no sign that she had heard us; back up the lanes, marching hard, laughing and chatting, joined on the way by latecomers, and various children. We sang "O Come all ye Faithful" at the Fox and Feathers, under their ten-*foot-high, lighted Christmas* tree, and "See Amid the Winter Snow" beside the iced-over pond. We wished a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to ninety-three-year-old Mr Stump, who adjusted his hearing aid up and down, and got his wife, who is ninety-seven, to stand on a chair and open the window wide, and greeted a new baby at Fen Farm with "Away in a Manger". Our fingers were stiff with cold and our voices raw as cheese-graters.

The church clock struck ten. Some of the children were taken home. It was colder still, too cold for snow. We were glad to get to the Manor House again, and pile into the hall in the old way, for mince pies and sausage rolls and punch and the blazing fire on our frozen faces. The lights went out, except for those of the tree. "Silent Night", which brings *tears to the eyes. A second or* two of absolute silence, before the *bursting of a log* up like a firework and down again in a great golden shower of sparks. Laughter and lights again and a Happy Christmas, a Happy Christmas, and a Happy Christmas floating faint on the freezing air down all the lanes and home.

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Tonight 6 March 7.30 p.m.	DONG-SUK KANG violin GORDON BACK piano £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50	Stravinsky: Suite Italienne (from "Pulcinella"); Prokofiev: Sonata No. 2 in D; Cesar Franck: Sonata in A. Wigmore Master Concerts/John Wright.
Tomorrow 7 March 3.30 p.m.	BRYNJAR HOFF oboe PAUL HAMBURGER piano £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50 Helen Jennings Concert Agency	Besozzi: Sonata in C; Fongaard: Solo Sonata Op 70/1; Madsen: Sonata Op 23; Ben-Haim: 3 Songs without words; Reizenstein: Sonatina; wks by Grieg
Tomorrow 7 March 7.30 p.m.	RUBEN RIERA guitar £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50 Basil Douglas Ltd.	Brouwer: Simple Studies, Parabola; Bach: Suite No. 4 in E BWV1006a; Walton: 5 Bagatelles; Britten: Nocturnal Op 70. Two new pieces by John Duarte and Rodrigo Riera.
Monday 8 March 7.30 p.m.	DAVID PERKS cello MICHAEL DUSSEK pno JOHN GOUGH piano £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50 Worshipful Co. of Musicians	Schubert: "Arpeggione" Sonata; Ireland: 4 piano pieces; Liszt: Vallée d'Obermann; Fricker: 12 Studies Op 38; Prokofiev: Cello Sonata Op 119. Maisie Lewis Young Artists Fund Recital.
Tuesday 9 March 7.30 p.m.	PHILIP PILKINGTON piano £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50	J. S. Bach: Chromatic Fantasia & Fugue in D minor, Partita No. 5 in G. 3 Preludes and Fugues; Haydn: Sonata No. 54 in G. Sonata No. 62 in E flat.
Wednesday 10 March 7.30 p.m.	TITO GOBBI Master Classes £3.50, £3, £2.50, £1.80 S. A. Gorlinsky	Master Classes in Italian Opera with singers from the U.K., the Continent and U.S.A. Supported by Trusthouse Forte Ltd.
Thursday 11 March 7.30 p.m.	TAVERNER CONSORT Andrew Parrott, Dir., ten/virginals £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50 Early Music/Baroque Series	In Good King Charles' Golden Days (1660-1685). Works by Purcell, Blow, Humfrey Corbetta, Mattels, etc., with Emma Kirkby, Rogers Covey-Crump, Richard Wistreich and Anthony Bailes.
Friday 12 March 7.30 p.m.	TITO GOBBI Master Classes £3.50, £3, £2.50, £1.80 S. A. Gorlinsky	Master classes in Italian Opera with singers from the U.K., Continent and U.S.A. Supported by Trusthouse Forte Ltd.
Saturday 13 March 7.30 p.m.	STUTTGART PIANO TRIO £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50 Wigmore Master Concerts/Harold Holt Ltd	Haydn: Piano Trio No 19 in G minor; Dvorak: Piano Trio in E minor Op 90 'Dumky'; Schubert: Piano Trio in E flat Op 100.
Sunday 14 March 3.30 p.m.	AVI SCHOENFELD piano £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50 Helen Jennings Concert Agency	Debussy: Preludes Bk 1; Chopin: 24 Preludes Op 28.
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Monday 15 March 7.30 p.m.	TITO GOBBI Master Classes £3.50, £3, £2.50, £1.80 S. A. Gorlinsky	Master Classes in Italian Opera and Song, with singers from the UK, the Continent and USA. Supported by Trusthouse Forte Ltd.
Tuesday 16 March 7.30 p.m.	MARIANNE BLOK soprano FRIEDA SCHEUERMANN pno £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50	Programme includes songs by Carissimi, Caccini, Scarlatti, Wolf-Ferrari, R Strauss, Thomas, Rodrigo, Granados and Osma. Netherlands Embassy Concerts/Helen Anderson.
Wednesday 17 March 7.30 p.m.	SINGERS from the TITO GOBBI Master Classes £3.50, £3, £2.50 £1.80. S. A. Gorlinsky	Opera programme by singers from UK, USA, Greece, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark etc.
Thursday 18 March 7.30 p.m.	MARY CYR viola da gamba JOHN GREW harpschd £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50 Early Music/Baroque Series/ Basil Douglas	Marin Marais: Pieces in A, Chaconne; Bach: Lute Suite BWV995, English Suite No 5 BWV810, Sonata BWV1027; Dollé: Tombeau de M Marais le Père.
Friday 19 March 7.30 p.m.	IAN BROWN piano £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50 Edward Craxton Mgt.	Beethoven: Sonata in A flat Op 110; Ravel: Gaspard de la nuit; Brahms: Vars. & fugue on a theme of Handel; Rachmaninov: Etude-tableaux Op 39 nos 5 & 9. Prelude in D Op 23/4.

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Thursday 11 March 7.30 pm	CHILINGIRIAN STRING QUARTET. Haydn: Quartet Op. 64 No. 6. Bartok: Quartet No. 2. Beethoven: Quartet in E flat Op. 127. £4.50, £3.50, £2 Holborn Law Society
Friday 12 March 7.30 pm	OXFORD UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA. Adrian Brown, cond. Vaughan Williams: Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis. Pople: Hallucination (1st London perf.). Mahler: Symphony No. 5. £3.50, £3, £2.50, £2. Oxford University Orchestra
Sunday 14 March 7.30 pm	ORCHESTRA OF ST. JOHN'S Smith Square. Schubert Series 2. John Lubbock cond. Maurice Hasson violin. Schubert: Symphonies Nos. 2 & 5. Ravel: Tzigane. Saint-Saëns: Introduction & Rondo Capriccioso. Sarasate Zigeunerweisen Op 20 No. 1. £4.50, £3.50, £2.50, £1.50. Van Walsum Mgt.
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Ian Charleson

who plays Sky Masterson in the National Theatre's Guys and Dolls opening on Tuesday



Guys and Dolls, the National Theatre's first musical (though one which was originally scheduled a decade ago for the NT at the Old Vic in Olivier's time) brings Richard Eyre into the company as a resident director, and he in turn has brought in for the old Damon Runyon Broadway classic a remarkable collection of NT newcomers — including Julia McKenzie and Bill Patterson. He has also brought back into the company Julie Covington (as the Salvation Army doll) and Ian Charleson in the old Brando role of the gambling guy Sky Masterson, and, while it could be argued that it might have been more exciting to see the National choose a new-to-Britain musical (Sondheim's *Follies* or *Pacific Overtures* for instance) rather than a tried-and-tested old warhorse recently seen at the Half Moon, the casting could hardly have been bettered.

For Ian Charleson, newly awarded the Variety Club's trophy for his starring role in the film *Chariots of Fire*, this is a return not only to the Olivier stage (where he was last seen as Octavius in John Schlesinger's ill-fated *Julius Caesar*) but also to a world of musicals he first joined a decade ago when he went straight from drama school into the chorus of the original Young Vic production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. Now 32, Charleson currently wears the faintly haunted air of a man who has just escaped from a Hollywood promotional tour.

"Ben Cross and I were sent over by the film company to help sell *Chariots of Fire* in America: 15 interviews a day for three weeks coast-to-coast, except that after a fortnight I woke up one morning on the fiftieth floor of a San Francisco hotel and all I could see was the tops of other skyscrapers and the lift had a glass wall and went up and down the outside of the building and I thought right, that's it, I hate it all and I'm going home — so I did. Ben was very good and said he'd finish the tour on his own; he seemed to like it. Not me. I'm not going back to America until there's a really god part ot rehearse and they promise to keep me off the chat shows. They all ask the same question about how fame has affected you and you feel you're being marked out of 10 on your answer. I used to say 'Not at all', which was true but seemed to confuse them.

"One live interviewer asked Ben how he'd learnt to be Jewish for the film so Ben said he went to consult a Rabbi, and then he asked me how I'd learnt to play all that missionary zeal so I said I went to consult God, and there was just this terrible pause. Americans don't seem to understand about jokes, at least not on chat shows; all they ask about is fame and money. If you want to see greed really naked, watch American television; not just the giveaway quiz shows but the drama and the chat — it's all about money. They don't seem to like anything else much, least of all an actor who wants to be left alone to get on with the acting."

Nevertheless Charleson does have to admit that as an actor he has led a remarkably charmed life thus far — 10 years in the business, never out of work for more than a month, and straight from LAMDA (where he was in the Cheryl Campbell-Peter Farrago generation) into the Young Vic:

"Dunlop saw me at LAMDA and took me straight into the Young Vic at a time when it was full of a lot of upfront comedians like Jim Dale and Roy Hudd; in university drama I'd been very flashy and noisy, but then at LAMDA they taught me to lose all that brashness and do it from the inside. 'Facility isn't enough', they kept saying. So I went very introvert, only then I got to the Young Vic at a time when everybody else was way over the top and Frank kept saying 'Stop thinking and just get out there and do it' — so for a while I didn't know where I was".

After a couple of years at the Young Vic Charleson went on to the Arts, Cambridge, to give his *Hamlet* ("nobody saw it but I learnt a lot") and from there into the West End for the first time, playing the upstairs student in Pinter's production of Simon Gray's *Otherwise Engaged*: "That was a marvellous year. I was earning £100 a week, which seemed like a fortune, sunbathing in Hyde Park all the summer and then going into the theatre at night; I think it was the only long run I've ever really enjoyed".

From there he joined the National for Octavius and a "Stooge" to Gielgud in *Volpone*: "All our scenes were together and we fumbled through them in a haze of uncertainty; I was dressed as a sort of sofa for reasons best known to the designer and nobody really seemed to know what was going on, least of all Gielgud. That was a difficult year for everyone, trying to settle into the Olivier amid a lot of very rough reviews, and I can't say I really enjoyed any of it much except for a Bogdanov romp over in the Cottesloe; *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, for which I was allowed to enter on a six-foot wooden horse through a brick wall".

Having survived that he crossed Waterloo Bridge and spent a year with the RSC, starting in *The Tempest* and *the Shrew* and ending up in *Piaf* and as the defeated Hollywood screenwriter in the original *Once in a Lifetime*.

"I left those productions before they transferred to the West End because I thought I'd given them all I could, and then just when I was wondering what to do next my father saw an ad in an Edinburgh paper saying they were looking for a young Scots actor to play Eric Liddell in *Chariots of Fire*. My father knew all about him because after the '24 Olympics he was a hero to that whole generation of Scots, and as there weren't too many young Scots actors who could run really fast I got the job".

Since *Chariots* he has been working on two of the BBC television Shakespeares for Jonathan Miller (*Bertram in All's Well* and another Octavius in *Caesar*) and as the missionary who was Gandhi's closest white friend in Attenborough's new film. He also found the time to make (with Julie Covington) a BFI film called *Ascendancy* which treats of Northern Ireland in 1920 in terms not unlike those of Visconti's *The Damned*.

"And then along came *Guys and Dolls*: I'd been looking for something noisy and cheerful after two years of very internal, contained, close-camera work playing all those godly men, and you couldn't get a better contrast than Sky; I saw Brando play the film when I was in my early teens, but luckily I can't remember much about it and now I've discovered that when Runyon first describes him he says 'tall, blond, big blue eyes, found kisser and as innocent as twelve Philadelphia lawyers' — and that sounds more like me than Brando any day".

Sheridan Morley

Teleview/Elkan Allan

Beano time again

Of the many prizes given to television people, the only ones that really matter are the Bafta awards, to be presented at a ceremony that will occupy most of the ITV evening on March 18.

Because they do matter — in terms of prestige, inter-network rivalry, and hard cash for the recipients when their contracts are renewed — every aspect of the affair is fraught with controversy. "Bafta" is an acronym for the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, an attempt to combine in one body the American organizations that hand out Oscars and Emmys.

Bafta cashes in on the desire of anyone who is anyone in the industry to see and be seen at its annual beano, by charging outrageous prices for the right to be part of the studio audience. This year the cost is £30 a head for members, £60 each for a member's first two guests and £80 each thereafter. Admittedly that does include dinner.

Last year the ceremony was held in the ballroom of the Grosvenor House Hotel. This year it is at the Talk of the Town, which holds 400 fewer people. Not nearly so smart, either, but by the time the BBC, Thames and LWT sorted out who would carry the show — Thames won — everywhere else had been taken for other functions.

You have to be something of a masochist to go every year, as I have done for the past 15; particularly if you are a journalist. The organizers are so hostile to reporters trying to catch the early editions of their newspapers with results not yet officially revealed that last year a punch-up led to an official protest. This time, the press has been banished to a television set installed in a room at the Odeon, Leicester Square, round the corner. But as a paid-up member of the Academy I shall be at the ceremony.

However spurious the glamour, however embarrassing when winning stars don't turn up to collect their doorstops, however predictable the painfully mock-modest acceptance speeches, I love Award shows, particularly those in which I have voted.

If you do, too, I will run through the main categories, marking your card. There will first be a preliminary — the awards of the Broadcasting Press Guild — which will be announced next Friday on *Pebble Mill at One*. Some members of the *Guild* threatened to boycott Bafta if they were not better treated, and it can be no coincidence that their results will come out at just the right remove to take some of the gilt off the Academy's gingerbread. I will indicate my votes with an asterisk.

Best Actor: Jeremy Irons* must be a clear winner for his virtuoso performance as the narrator and main character of *Brideshead Revisited*. Bafta and the BPG agree that his short-listed competitors are Anthony Andrews, from the same serial, and Robert Hardy for Winston Churchill. The Bafta short-list is made up by John Gielgud; the BPG's by Ian Richardson for *Private Shultz*. There is a good chance that Irons will also win Best Film Actor for *The French Lieutenant's Woman*.

Best Actress: Only Judi Dench is on both lists; I expect her to take the BPG's but to be ousted by either Claire Bloom or Diana Quick* from *Brideshead* in Bafta's. Celia Johnson makes up that short-list; Phoebe Nicholls* (also from *Brideshead*), Judi Bowker and Twiggy are the others on the BPG's.

Best Serial: *Brideshead** must complete Granada's clean sweep over *Private Schultz* and *Winston Churchill: The Wilderness Years*.

Best Light Entertainment: I expect Wood and Walters, not even on the BPG list, to win Bafta. Other surprising absences, from the BPG's, are *Not the Nine O'Clock News* and *Yes Minister*. The 70 members nominated *A Fine Romance**, *Hi-de-Hi!* and *The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. Over at Bafta, *Yes Minister** has both its principals in the Light Entertainment Performance list: Paul Eddington* and Nigel Hawthorne, against Stanley Baxter and Dave Allen.

Best Documentary: Bafta splits this into Best Programme (*Snowdon on Camera**, *Nickelby & Company*, *Prostitute I Am, Common I'm Not*, and *The Ritz*, which I expect to win) and Best Series (*Fighter Pilot*, *Forty Minutes*, *Ireland, a Television History**, *Wildlife on One* and *The World About Us*). This is absurdly confusing, because *Snowdon on Camera* was a series and is in the wrong list. Even more confusing is the fact that there is another group, Best Without Category, that includes three documentery series, *The South Bank Show**, *Arena* and *Film '81* and a single documentary, *Clive James at the Movies*.

Best Single Play: *A Sense of Freedom**, about Scottish prisoner Jimmy Boyle, gets into this list at Bafta, along with *United Kingdom*, *The Potting Shed* and *Going Gently*. The BPG assigns it to Best Documentary in Drama Form.

Bafta stretch a long night to intolerable lengths by awarding its own Oscars for movies, While American programmes are ineligible in the television section, they have to be allowed into the Film awards to make up the numbers. The result is usually a series of red faces when Hollywood nominees, who this year include Robert de Niro, Burt Lancaster, Mary Tyler Moore, Sissy Spacek* and Meryl Street, stay at home.

Last year the BBC pulverised ITV by winning 20 of the 21 television awards. This year, with *Brideshead* and *A Fine Romance* on their side, ITV must do better. I think I shall institute an award for award shows: *Nationwide's* handling of the Society of West End Theatre Manager's awards would win that. Bafta's I'm afraid, would not even be on the short list.

Radio/David Wade

Bag of tricks

Wherever the President of the United States goes, there goes with him a man carrying a small bag referred to as "the football". Let him who brings it into play beware, for if he ever does so, not just the ball but the balloon goes up: that insignificant bit of luggage, it is thought, contains the codes the President requires to initiate or to answer a nuclear attack.

I learned this from the Feburary 26 edition of *International Assignment*, the more of less perpetual mid-morning series which normally appears as an anthology of reports from BBC foreign correspondents. On this occasion, however, the whole half-hour was taken by the Corporation's Defence Correspondent, Christopher Lee, discussing the extent and possible use of the United States nuclear armoury: if the existence of "the football" sticks in the mind, it is because it sums up so graphically the point well made by this cool, informative programme — how close we stand to disaster.

Nuclear weaponry, we heard, has by integration into conventional forces, itself become "conventional"; moreover, being in the charge of different branches of the military, there is no central policy on its deployment or use. In more than one view in fact, the weapons substantially decree defence policies, not the other way about, and the much-touted policy of limited nuclear war received short shrift, not least from Harold Brown, Carter's Defence Secretary. The nature of the weaponry and the circumstances of its use make containment, in his opinion, rather unlikely. Meanwhile the hardware proliferates: people fight shy of the term "arms race" and the United States "is not trying to recover strategic superiority", but it *is* "trying to stop the Soviet Union gaining meaningful superiority", which may not be so very different. Balance then, held to have kept us out of trouble these past 35 years, is the aim and the doubt is whether the Americans can now maintain it. It is predicted that the Soviet Union will briefly enjoy a superiority during the middle of this decade. The fear is that they will make use of it.

Lee, then, seemed to me to spell out to his listeners in unequivocal terms the danger — and perhaps his programme ought to be repeated at an hour when more of us can hear him do so. What he had to say suggested two things: the need as far as possible to disarm and at the same time to protect ourselves if disarmament should fail. Oddly, it is only the first of these courses we seem able to contemplate. In the face of failure, we apparently assume not only widespread desolation and 30 million dead, but nothing to be done. Yet even this gruesome calculation leaves 25 million behind. What about them?

The week has brought two sad announcements. First, the death of Jock Farrell, perhaps dimly known to listeners from programme credits for "technical assistance", but in fact a major contributor to many a virtuoso prodction: for instance, Stoppard's *Artist Descending a Staircase*, Bill Morrison's adaptation of *Crime and Punishment*.

Secondly, we heard that Pye Radio has withdrawn after three years from sponsorship of the Society of Authors Awards. Though entirely within its rights to do so, the company unfortunately timed its decision so as to make it almost impossible to find a replacement sponsor this year. I gather the society will do its best to keep at least some of the awards going while seeking a successor.

Television/Michael Ratcliffe

Love on the farm

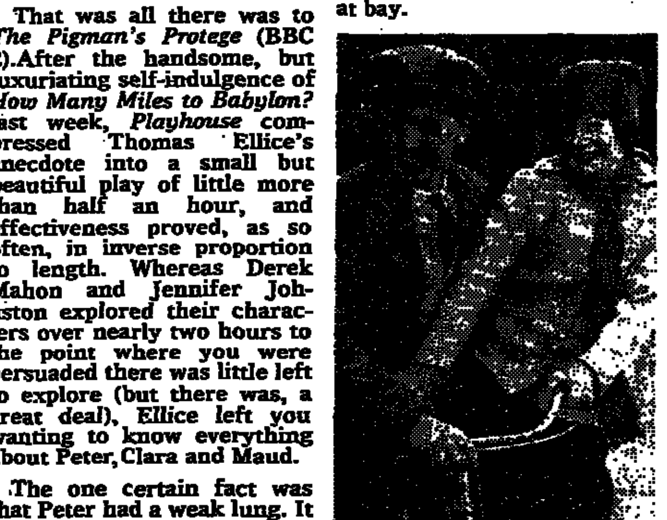
Farming was hard after the recent war and Maud, the farmer's eldest daughter, decided it was time her pretty sister, Clara, was married off to a man who could also work on the farm. It would not be easy — there were 1½ million more women than men around in 1920 — but Stan, the pigman, usually came up with something and, sure enough, Stan produced Peter, who worked in a chemist's shop.

Peter's chest had kept him out of the war, but he and Clara were instantly romantically matched. Trouble was Maud also fell for Peter and, persuading Clara that marriage to a tubercular would be futile, she handed the boy a farewell note from her sister, whom she had already sent away.

That was all there was to *The Pigman's Protege* (BBC 2).After the handsome, but luxuriating self-indulgence of *How Many Miles to Babylon?* last week, *Playhouse* compressed Thomas Ellice's anecdote into a small but beautiful play of little more than half an hour, and effectiveness proved, as so often, in inverse proportion to length. Whereas Derek Mahon and Jennifer Johnston explored their characters over nearly two hours to the point where you were persuaded there was little left to explore (but there was, a great deal), Ellice left you wanting to know everything about Peter, Clara and Maud.

The one certain fact was that Peter had a weak lung. It was never even stated that he had attracted the love of Maud, although the pale anger and longing on Victoria Fairbrother's face made it as painfully clear to us as the boy himself whilst Simon Cowell-Parker — memorably seen as the Nottingham Candide thrown in at the deep end of the swinging sixties in Malcolm Bradbury's *Standing in for Henry* — excels in combining puzzlement and gentleness before women whose feelings he has so unexpectedly aroused.

There was one tricky moment when the spirit of Judith Starkadder threatened to take over the show as Peter gazed over Clara's shoulder at the figure of Maud in the trees snapping a rabbit's neck by way of warning, but for the rest of the play the simplicity of the writing and acting (also Hilary Dawson, Ann Way, Patrick Troughton and Donald Gee) worked with the beauty of the direction (John Madden) and photography (Kenneth Macmillan) to anchor the action to the earth and keep the mocking shades of *Cold Comfort Farm* at bay.



Another man is needed on the farm, Stan the pigman is asked to fix it. Peter Pilkington (Simon Cowell Parker) is picked out for Clara (Hilary Dawson).

Chess/Harry Golombek

It could only be Karpov

Every year chess journalists are invited to choose the world's leading players, and the master who comes top in our ratings is awarded a beautiful silver chess Oscar. We vote in January, listing the 12 best players on their performances the previous year. The organizers then sort out the top ten.

For 1981, as for most of the past decade, the winner was easily the world champion, Anatoly Karpov. He is clearly one of the most successful tournament players yet. Last year he won first prize in the immensely strong international tournament in Moscow and retained his world title by beating Viktor Korchnoi in the challenge match with almost ridiculous ease.

The top ten, with their number of points, are: 1, Anatoly Karpov (USSR), 1,253; 2, Jan Timman (Netherlands), 1,117; 3, Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland), 1,038; 4, Mikhail Tal (USSR), 922; 5, Harry Kasparov (USSR), 740; 6, Ulf Andersson (Sweden), 549; 7, Vitaly Cheshkovsky (USSR), 452; 8, Lajos Portisch (Hungary), 395; 9, Alexander Belfavsky (USSR), 394; 10, Larry Christiansen (USA), 334.

The organizers do not give the number of points scored by other players, but it is clear that Hort and Hübner are well among the also-rans, 50 voting for Hort and 20 for Hübner. Also high up are the American, Seirawan (57 votes), the joint Soviet champion, Psakhis (49), and the perennially effervescent Dane, Bent Larsen (42). The only Englishmen mentioned are John Nunn (7) and Tony Miles (3).

My list was: 1, Karpov; 2, Korchnoi; 3, Tal; 4, Timman; 5, Andersson; 6, Portisch; 7, Beljavsky; 8, Kasparov; 9, Seirawan; 10, Nunn; 11, Hort; 12, Hübner.

I cannot see any justification of the official list in putting Kasparov as high as fifth. True, in four years' time we may well see him established as world champion after destroying Karpov even faster than Karpov beat Korchnoi; but what we are concerned with is 1981.

On the other hand I perhaps erred in placing Timman below Korchnoi and Tal. The young Dutchman has all the talents — and among them a pleasing literary style, as shown in a book he wrote in 1980 which was published in England last year (*The Art of Chess Analysis*, A. & C. Black, £7.95). It contains 24 deeply annotated games in the style of which Reti and Keres were such great masters. There is a contagious enthusiasm and enjoyment about the writing ("Seldom have I analysed a game with so much pleasure and devotion") which are rare sentiments among modern chess-writers. Such books are few and far between and do much more good than the plethora of scissors-and-paste studies of the openings or variations of an opening that confuse present-day students of the game.

The game over which Timman so enthused was played at Wijk aan Zee in 1976.

White: L. Ljubojevic. Black: U. Andersson. Sicilian Defence.

1	P-K4	P-QB4
2	N-KB3	P-K3
3	P-Q4	PxP
4	NxP	N-QB3
5	N-QB3	Q-B2
6	B-K2	P-QR3
7	O-O	N-B3
8	B-K3	B-K2
9	P-B4	P-Q3
10	Q-K1	O-O
11	Q-N3	B-Q2
12	P-K5	

A pawn sacrifice with a long and variegated history as Timman makes clear in his notes. He remarks that White's action is somewhat premature as Andersson demonstrates.

12	...	PxP
13	PxP	NxP
14	B-KB4	B-Q3
15	QR-Q1	

Threatening the simple but deadly 16. N-N3.

15	...	Q-N1
16	R-Q3	

An attacking and attractive move that threatens to put more pressure on the centre by R-K3.

16	...	N-K1
17	N-K4	B-B2
18	R-QB3	N-QB3

Best; the alternative is B-B3 and Timman gives a whole column to its consideration, finishing up by saying that Andersson never considered this move and played N-QB3 intuitively.

19	BxB	NxN

If 19. ..., QxB; 20. N-B6 ch, K-R1; 21. QxQ, NxQ; 22. NxB, NxN; 23. RxN, NxB ch; 24. K-B2 and White wins material.

20	B-Q3	Q-R2
21	N-B5	B-N4

A mistake; he should have first played 21. ..., NxB.

22	B-K5	N-QB3

Now comes a fresh surprise that gives the game a sort of grandiose complexity.

23	BxP ch	KxB
24	R-KB4	P-B3

Here Timman gives a page of analysis and comment on such defensive possibilities as 24. ..., P-B4 and 24. ..., NxB and finds that White wins in any event.

25	R-R4 ch	K-N1
26	Q-R3	N-Q1
27	B-Q4	P-QN3
28	NxP	NxN
29	QxN ch	Q-B2
30	Q-K4	P-KN4 ?

After all the complexities through which Andersson has steered the correct way he commits a blunder that loses almost offhand. Correct was 30. ..., QxP when White's best policy is to go for the draw by perpetual check by 31. Q-R7 ch, K-B2; 32. Q-R5 ch, etc.

31	R-R6	R-R2
32	R(B3)-KR3	Q-KN2
33	R-N6	KR-B2
34	P-B4	resigns.

This, says Timman, was the best game for the last 20 years.

Travel/edited by Shona Crawford Poole

On the Nile/Peter Stothard

Afloat with Omar

Sheraton's £5m new Nile cruisers are not the most beautiful craft to have sailed that river. They are fat, squat, four storeys high and painted in broad stripes of mustard, mauve and mud as though by the world's top designer of convent school blazers. But like much of modern Egypt — the hotels built like airport control towers, the hire cars curtained and upholstered like 50s front parlours — the Sheraton cruise ships are as luxurious for those inside as they are offensive to those without.

If you want to see the Egyptian sites the easy way — particularly in summer when it is hotter, cheaper and emptier — the good ships Tut, Anni, Aton and Hotp are a good choice to make.

We flew to Cairo on a plain white Egyptair jet, unmarked, we were told, in order the less to offend Arab sensibilities on its post-Camp David flights to Israel. We began our cruise about an hour further south in Aswan, the sole British travellers amongst a mixed bag of Texans, Italians and vociferous Mississipians who took every opportunity to disparage the Nile to the advantage of their longer-wider-cleaner-older river back home.

British cruisers are fairly rare — although former Prime Minister James Callaghan had spent a holiday on the Hotp the previous month. Sheraton want more now, partly to make up for an expected fall-off in big-spenders from socialist France

Our cabin was comfortable, cleverly showered and toileted, large and highly satisfactory. On behalf of three Texan shotputters down the corridor (mother, father and daughter) I can only report that theirs was apparently less so. The food was excellent, international-/native and delivered with none of the drip-feed service (one waiter per glass, per plate) that characterizes the hotels on shore.

The gin ran out on the second day; the vodka on the third. But most people happily settled down to Omar Khayyam, a local, seemingly semi-opiated wine. This quickly dulled whatever senses we had brought with us for our collective "ride into antiquity".

The tour guide was Mahmoud — or rather I thought he was until the last day when he turned out to be called something else. He was helpful, friendly and had a historical stance — broadly Marxist — that chimed strangely well with the attitudes — utterly capitalist — of his audience.

The key to all the Egyptian temples that stretched along the river banks between Aswan and our destination, Luxor, was simple: money. If a temple was dedicated to two gods it was because one god had not been enough to bring in the desired revenuesd. There was no architecture that was not somehow linked to accountancy. The magic, mysticism and spirituality of the places were as so much hocus-pocus. It all went down very well with the cruisers — and the street sellers of scarabs, Nefertitis and ramsheads rubbed home the point by doing a roaring trade every time we set foot outdoors.

Mahmoud and his audience came most to life at the Aswan dam, a two mile engineering masterpiece that holds back 100,000 tonnes and nine years worth of Nile flood water. Viewed from the tourist bus it has more devices to protect against enemy attack than the pyramids had against tomb robbers — and one hopes to better effect.

Few writers could look back at the suppressed waters of Lake Nasser without forming the script of a disaster movie in their heads. The indolent soldiers scattered among red-and-white striped sentry boxes seem little impediment to plotters — whether of the novelist or terrorist type.

In front of the Aswan dam is the temple of Phylae — both an architectural and an engineering miracle in that the entire 2,000-year-old structure had been recently moved a quarter-of-a-mile in order to protect it from the dam's depredatory effects.

Mahmoud sadly shows us the original site of London's Cleopatra's Needle and cheerfully shows us the graffiti left by the dying troops of Lord Kitchener. It is not that he dislikes the British; simply that he likes to make the achievements (even the existence) of Kitchener and Gordon seem as misty and uncertain as those of the minor Ptolemies. Mahmoud is not alone in seeing everything between Nectanebo II (deposed by the Persian Artaxerxes III around 340 BC) and Nasser (who ousted the Turkish King Farouk in 1953) as the same non-Egyptian past.

The tours — which along with all food is included in the price of the five day cruise — take place early in the morning so that even in the off-season the sights can be seen in reasonable comfort. The rest of the day can be spent sunbathing, absorbing the riverside scenery, or preparing for the weekly fancy dress and drama competition.

A brochure giving details of Sheraton's Nile cruises is available from travel agents or from the Sheraton Corporation's offices at Roxburghe House, 273 Regent Street, London WIR 8BJ. (Tel 01-408 2408).

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Algarve	18 s/c	Silvair	£125	£66	Apr 18
Malaga	14 s/c	Silvair	£135	£50	Apr 17
Agadir, Morocco	*7 h/b*	*Ellerman*	£159	£55	Mar 13 & 20, Glasgow
Madeira	14 b&b	Tjaereborg*	£209	£36	Mar 17 & 24, & Manchester
Malta	14 n/b	Tjaereborg	£139*	£41	Mar 27

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Discount news

Sunshine and skiing discounts are still plentiful.

Thomson has "square deal" reductions on April holidays to Spain, Portugal, Italy, Malta, Morocco, Tunisia and Greece. Under this scheme the customer chooses the departure airport, date and resort, and Thomson allocates the hotel. Also available, under the company's "best buy" scheme, are apartment and taverna holidays in Ibiza, Crete and Corfu. These April holidays have been reduced by up to £35 and there are departures from Gatwick, Luton, Birmingham, Manchester and Newcastle.

Skiing discounts include reductions of up to £80 on Neilson holidays. The company is discounting resorts in Italay, France and Austria on selected dates in March and April on the basis that skiers choose the board arrangement, departure date and airport and destination country, and the company allocates the resort and accommodation.

Snowtime is offering a second week of free skiing to holidaymakers who book one week in Meribel, beginning on March 13. The price of this two-week chalet holiday is £200, a saving of £115 on brochure price. During the first week Snowtime customers will also have an opportunity to test some of next year's skis from top manufacturers.

At sea/Peter Black

From A and back again

Southampton docks must have enacted the scene a thousand times during the final century of Empire. On the quayside the redcoated soldiers of the Queen; thunder and lightning from drums and cymbals; shrill clamour from pipes and trumpets; clash of metal-tipped boots on the stones; the bouncy optimism of *A Life on the Ocean Wave* and *Hearts of Oak*. Between ship and shore, tangles of coloured streamers; two deep on the rails, passengers waving and exchanging ribaldries with friends who were seeing them off.

Thus had generations left these docks to settle in Australia and New Zealand and screw the tribal customs of their chilly island into India and the Far East by sheer moral conviction. Only the tensions of parting were missing. We would be back in two weeks; for this was one of the Canberra's summer cruises.

Long main line voyages from A to B are hard to find these days (the ABC Shipping Guide, which used to give me hours of pleasant browsing planning phantom sailings, is mostly a guide to car ferries). But these cruises from A and back to A survive and prosper.

After all, just to be at sea is a huge pleasure, and on this little outing every mile of daily run was towards warmth and sun, and along a heart-stirring track of British naval history: Finisterre, Cape St. Vincent, Gibraltar, Messina and Naples Bay. As echoes, all one with Nineveh and Tyre, but a big ship is still the grandest moving thing man has made, and the cruises preserve the old opulence, efficiency and authority, as emphatic a change as can be imagined from the world of convenience food, do-it-yourself, and apologies for delays due to industrial action.

For the passengers tradition enjoined dressing for dinner, at least to the extent of wearing a jacket and tie and taking the curlers out.

Every day 4,840 eggs, 6,500 rolls, two and three quarter tons of meat and vegetables, six hundredweight of fish, untold amounts of fruit and icecream, disappeared in 7,500 main meals, most of them served in two sittings covering around two hours.

When I toured the galley it was as quiet as a church, giving off a kind of incense compounded from all the odours of all the food. When the Goanese waiter disappeared with our orders behind the galley doors he must have become a demon of action in an inferno, whirling about to pick up soup and fruit juice here, an appetiser there, shouting his needs for the next course. But back at the table his Jeeves-like composure never altered, and his face lost its habitually gentle, absent smile once only; when one of my table companions got him talking about other Indians in the crew. He, as a Roman Catholic, spoke with dismissing scorn of the Hindus and Muslims.

Here, did he but know it, he was going against the class-less system which the Canberra uses. Money will buy you a larger cabin on a higher shelf, but no more privileges or territorial rights than if you paid half the price for one of four bunks in an inside cabin seven decks down. Such segregation as existed came from the human race's queer practice of sorting itself out. Within a few days, with no word of suggestion or direction other than the daily list of available diversions, the gregarious, the reclusives, the bingoists, bridge-players, community singers, the pop music set and the fastidious, had found each other and taken over the places where they felt most comfortable.

Cruise passengers travel mainly in pairs. Widows and seasoned married couples appeared to outnumber the rest. To judge from conversation exchanged in the lifts (the places where anyone could run into anyone) more of us came from north of Watford than south.

One morning after the ship had turned east into the Mediterranean, and the officers had changed into their whites, I got up early and walked aft. A few passengers were at work on the coffee and rolls that some preferred to the vast intake on offer inside. There were the sounds of sea rushing by, of crockery rattling, of quiet voices; it could not have been possible to look better pleased with the norning than these faces looked. Later on this area was filled with people and hubbub. Peace and quiet had moved forward and up some steps to the observation deck, where there was no pool and no bar service. There is always somewhere quiet on a ship. You can not only get away from what you don't enjoy, you can be unaware that it is going on. The only exception to this bit of luck was heavily amplified pop, which had the power to force itself through two flights of stairs and ceilings. But it was firmly dowsed at midnight.

I was disconcerted to find this scourge present at all among so many citizens of undoubted ripeness, but they accepted it as a fact of modern shipboard entertainment. The target audience, the entertainments officer confided to me, was about the same as that in a four-star "leisure complex" (euphemism for holiday camp). Well, nobody considers the entertainment on offer when booking a cruise; and if it had been twice as good as it was it would still have come off second against what was available outside, the Mediterranean on a benign June night.

P&O Cruises offers a of similar routes this summer. Cruise 211, a 16-night August holiday, calls at Barcelona, Cannes, Ajaccio, Elba and Naples. Prices start at £587 for a erth in a four person inside cabin to £1,738 for the best on the ship.

Drink/Pamela Vandyke Price

Southern joys

Red Burgundy is one of the best-loved but least known of wines. The overall region is not large and holdings can be definitely small. The style of the great *négociants* is varied, as is that of individual growers, so that the person who simply says "I like Nuits St George" is admitting ignorance; there are so many vineyards, so many versions made by the shippers and so many growers' wines, all different.

Because supply of the better-known wines is always less than demand, the budget-conscious should try less familiar wines, many of which, from the southern part of the region, now achieve great quality. Look, too, at the details of any label, not just at the name of the wine: if the advice of a reputable merchant cannot be obtained, then at least some knowledge of how to interpret the labels will save disappointment.

The two paperbacks, *Burgundy, vines and wines* by John Arlott and Christopher Fielden (Quartet) or *Guide to te Wines of Burgundy* by Graham Chidgey (Pitman) will assist shopping, especially if you do not want to buy bottles costing double figures.

True red Burgundy should be elegant, velvety, alluring, never cloying or heavy. Beware the suspiciously low-priced "bargain", unless it is recommended by a reliable supplier. For example, one with the unpretentious appellation and name "Bourgogne Rouge" 1979 has the special plus of the name of Aubert de Vilaine, one of the Romanee-Conti proprietors, on the label.

The result is a good example of typical Burgundian Pinot Noir: a clean, delicately fruity style, crisp finish and charming full flavour. If you hide the label, people may well guess it as something more important. This costs £3.95 from the Caves de la Madeleine, 301 Fulham Road, SW10, or, at the shop of the same name at Cité Berryer, 25 rue Royale in Paris, it costs 22 francs.

It would be a good wine with which to register a basic red Burgundy character. If you served it first at a dinner, you might follow with the 1978 Savigny-lès-Beaune Les Lavières, which is more profound and firm exemplifying both the Savigny character and why this bottle costs more—although some drinkers may understandably prefer the instant appeal of the Bourgogne Rouge. The Savigny Les Lavières 1978 costs £6.60 or 80 francs, also from Caves de la Madeleine.

Though Rully, in the Côte Chalonnaise in the South of the Burgundy region, is known for its white wines, some of which are used to make sparkling wines, red wine is also made. The 1978 Pinot Noir of Daniel Chanzy of Bouzeron is delicious, with the zip and crispness sometimes found in red wines made on vineyards that favour vivacious whites.

The maker likes to bottle his wine early, so this one verges on liveliness and its fruitiness makes it delectably mouth-filling. Not surprisingly, it won a gold medal at the 1980 Mâcon wine fair. This Rully costs £6 from Bow Wine Vaults, 10 Bow Churchyard, EC4.

Graham Chidgey, who heads Laytons (who have their own establishment at Santenay) stresses the importance of "drinking the wine, not the label".

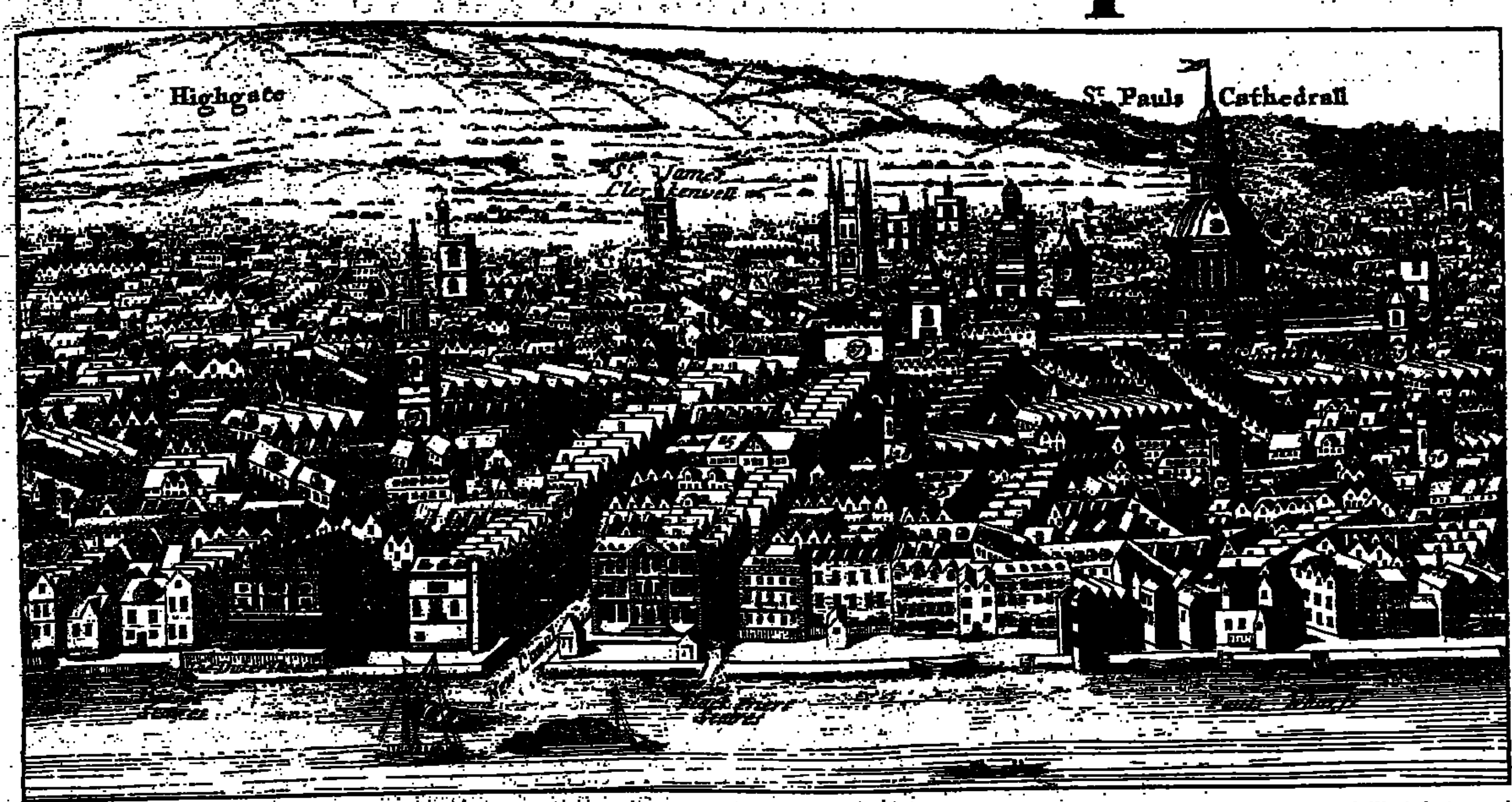
He suggests two wines that would also make an attractive pair at a dinner: first, the 1978 Meursault Rouge, Clos de Mazeray, domaine Jacques Prieur, the latter name much respected for quality. A red Meursault is a definitely unusual wine and this one introduces itself as a rather light, fresh drink, subsequently building to considerable importance with a significantly firm after-taste. It would be a good wine with spring lamb (but without mint sauce) and it costs £7.25 from Laytons, 28 Midland Rd, NW1.

Then a Beaune, Les Theurons 1976 of Roland Thévenin, would be a suitable accompaniment to roast beef or one of the many Burgundy recipes that incorporate wine.

Though, like many Beaune wines, this example has an attractive sturdiness, it is well-matured and has a firm, clearly defined character, leading to an agreeable and subtler finish another wine that would be ideal as an introduction to fine Burgundy.

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Shoparound with Beryl Downing



Panoramic view of St Paul's from Morgan's Cities of London and Westminster and Borough of Southwark: 1681. In 16 sections, scale 17⅗in to one mile.

The man who maps out the past

History — that is anything that happened the Saturday before last — has never been my strong point. At school I was driven down the centuries by a computer programmer manquée who had a micro chip where other people keep their imagination. The result is that I recognize dates but can't attach them to anything — like struggling through a party before discovering it isn't the one you were invited to.

Now if Harry Margary had been my guide, the journey would have been much more vivid. He is not just a reproducer of decorative maps, but a chronicler of social and architectural history, concentrating particularly on London and its neighbouring counties since the sixteenth century.



Harry Margary: hunting rarities

His greatest asset is his association, formed ten years ago, with Guildhall Library. Its present keeper of prints and maps, Ralph Hyde, is particularly keen that as many people as possible should have the opportunity to study and enjoy old maps and together they have produced facsimiles of many of the library's valuable and rare maps.

"Tracking down old maps is not a problem", says Harry Margary. "The difficulty is in persuading librarians and county archive officers that you are a suitable person to take away their rarities to photograph them, so the Guildhall's trust was of enormous value."

He has a personal as well as professional interest in London's development, as his family have been freemen of the city and members of the Worshipful Company of Salters for more than 200 years, and the social importance of the maps he has chosen is emphasized by the unusually large scale, showing very detailed illustration.

His maps start in Tudor times when London was no bigger than one square mile and had a population of 100,000. They show how a series of villages were absorbed into large built-up areas — mostly without much change in the layout of the streets — until in Victoria's reign there were four million Londoners living in an area of 500 square miles.

The earliest maps are pictorial and include illustrations of costume and customs, bear-baiting and executions, as well as showing the development of thoroughfares — London Bridge, for instance, is shown in A Collection of Early Maps of London, 1553 to 1667 topped with dwellings and turrets — which is maybe what the Americans thought they were getting when they shipped it to Arizona.

Harry Margary's interest in maps began when he was house-hunting in 1962. All he wanted was a half-way house between his work centres, Teddington and Weymouth — he was an engineer physicist at the Admiralty Research laboratory at the time — but Lympne Castle he says was his "undoing". After seeing it, no ordinary house would do.

The main part of the 25-roomed castle which has been one of the official houses of the Archdeacon of Canterbury since Saxon times is fourteenth century. There is one twelfth century tower still standing and in 1906 a new wing was added — now the only occupied part of the castle, which is open to the public. The first Margary large scale map of Kent was reproduced to provide extra interest for the visitors and proved so successful that it led to other county maps and, eventually, to the Guildhall series.

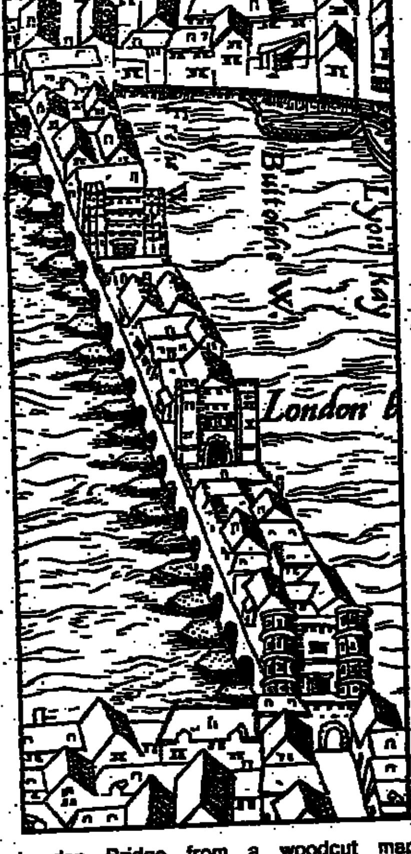
Both county and London maps are available as sets of loose sheets (between 19 and 27 sheets in a set) or bound flat between card covers, or bound, folded and guarded between hard covers.

The London maps vary in price from £10 a set for Ogilby and Morgan's City of London 1676 to £35 for Morgan's Cities of London and Westminster and the Borough of Southwark 1681/2 (hardback). There are also two books — The A to Z of Elizabethan London, £10, and just published, the A to Z of Georgian London, £12.

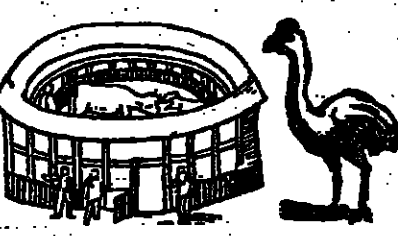
A series of reproductions of old playing cards is also available and if you send a sae to Harry Margary, Lympne Castle, Kent you will receive an illustrated brochure giving full details and prices.



Elizabethan costume shown on Braun and Hogenberg's 1572 map, scale 6½in to i mile, in A Collection of Early Maps.



London Bridge from a woodcut map attributed to Ralph Agas, c 1562, in A Collection of Early Maps. Scale 28in to one mile.



Cruelty and curiosities: a bull-baiting arena from A Collection of Early Maps and an ostrich shown in St James's park in London Actually Surveyed, by William Morgan. The bird was one of 13 presented to Charles II by the Moroccan ambassador just a few days before the map was completed.



An artillery ground near Moor Fields shown in Morgan's London Actually Surveyed, 1681/2. The ground is still used by the Hon Artillery Company.

Getting a head start

Chocolate, cheese and chop suey are all well-known causes of migraine. But did you know that hot dogs, ice cream and polar-bear liver can also cause headaches — and not only to the polar bear? A new paperback called *Migraine and Headaches* identifies all sorts of possible causes in the hope of helping the one in three people who are regular sufferers.

The author, Dr Marcia Wilkinson is medical director of the City of London Migraine Clinic and also knows all about the subject from personal experience. Her book (Martin Dunitz, £2.50) sets out to explain the different types of headaches, suggests ways of identifying allergies and discusses treatments available with and without prescription.

Her book is one of a series of Positive Health Guides which also includes a paperback (published March 22) called *High Blood Pressure* by Dr Eoin O'Brien and Professor Kevin O'Malley, co-directors of the Blood Pressure Clinic in Dublin.

Their suggestion that people could buy equipment to keep a check on their own blood pressure seems slightly counter-productive to me — I should think a mis-reading could easily cause heart failure — but there are useful chapters on weight control, salt intake, exercise.

There is also a section on the dangers of smoking which includes the following advice to those who really can't give up completely:

● Smoke less than five cigarettes daily. ● Smoke filter cigarettes of low tar and nicotine content. ● Try not to inhale. ● Do not smoke in front of your children (the majority of teenagers who start smoking become established adult smokers). ● Change from cigarettes to a pipe or cigars, keeping consumption low.

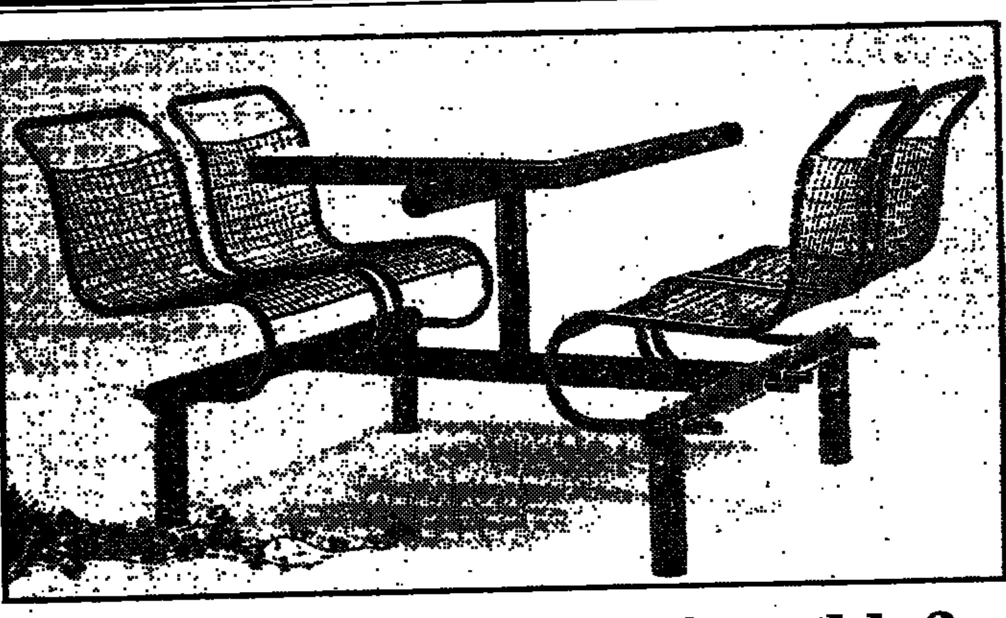
It all sounds simple to a non-smoker, but the Budget may help the doubters.



Win your fashion stripes this spring in a white pure-wool sweater dress with bright blue, yellow or red stripes. By Pringle in sizes small, medium or large, £45.50 from the knitwear department at Harrods, who will also send by mail order (£1 p & p). Also available at Jenners of Edinburgh.

Knot correct

Money for old rope is one thing, too much money for new rope is quite another. In my Guide to getting things mended I quoted W. R. Outhwaite & Son of Town Foot, Hawes, North Yorkshire, as charging £16 per foot for repairing church bell ropes. I'm sorry I should have said 16p per foot. Clang-g-g-



Are you dining comfortably?

Dining comfortably and elegantly do not often go, as it were, seat to seat. Most dining chairs appear to have been designed for use at a quick food counter rather than for lengthy lingering over the After Eights.

A new range called The Designer Collection, though, comes up with a simple and flexible alternative to conventional dining—a free standing unit combining table and four chairs fixed to a framework of tubular steel.

It is available in a variety of finishes — wood or laminate for the table tops, basketweave, leather, canvas or steel mesh for the seats. Black leather and steel or grey canvas on white could look effective in young, high tech surroundings, red wire mesh or natural basketweave would suit conservatories or could even be used outside. Prices are from £348.45 for the wire mesh shown above to £581.90 for leather.

Designed by Fitch and Company, the collection is made by Hostess Furniture, who will send a brochure if you write to Mr M. Narroway, at Vulcan Road, Bilston, West Midlands, WV14 7JR, telephone 0902 43681. It is also to be seen at the Design Centre, Glasgow from March 18 to May 1.

Bridge/Jeremy Flint

Taking out an option

Fashions change in the defence to pre-emptive three bids. Twenty years ago, most rubber bridge players used 3 No Trumps as request for partner to bid, retaining the double in its punitive sense. British duplicate players generally used the "lower minor". Here 3 Diamonds over 3 Clubs and 4 Clubs over any other three bid requests partner to bid; a double is for penalties, and Three No trumps is natural.

The Americans, who have remained faithful to the optional double, considered three No trumps as cumbersome and the lower minor as over-contrived. Other methods have had their passing vogue.

Today, the majority of the experts on both sides of the Atlantic rely on the optional double. In truth, the word "optional" is misleading, because the double is unequivocally intended as a "take-out double". Obviously, the doubler's partner may convert the bid into a penalty double if he has a powerful trump holding, or if he believes that the danger of bidding outweighs the risk of doubling the opponents into game.

The undeniable advantage of using a double for take-out is that it permits the bidding to subside at the three level. Playing duplicate pairs, it is fatal to allow your opponents to make a part score of three Diamonds when your side can make nine tricks in either major. I suspect that this consideration partly explains why the Americans, who have always played more duplicate pairs than rubber bridge, found any method which forced the bidding to the four level unappealing.

But for players with poor judgment, the double for take-out is as suitable a toy as a flick-knife for a child.

Rubber bridge. Game all. Dealer West.

North: ♠AQ53 ♥KQ5 ♦K63 ♣Q62

West: ♠2 ♥AJ10986 4 ♦Q4 ♣J109

East: ♠KJ104 ♥2 ♦AJ1075 ♣A54

South: ♠9876 ♥73 ♦982 ♣K873

W	N	E	S
3♥	Double	No	3♠
No	4♠	Double	No
No	No	—	—

Opening lead CJ ♣

Declarer thanked his partner gruffly as he inspected dummy with ill-concealed distaste. He won the first trick with the CK, and played the S9, permitting East to win with the S10. East switched to his singleton heart, which West won with the HA. Recognising that a heart ruff would be unlikely to assist the defence, West shrewdly continued with the C10, which held the trick.

West made another good play when he switched to the DQ. Declarer covered with dummy's DK, losing to East's DA. East cashed the CA and two more diamond winners, before exiting with the fourth round of diamonds. Nothing could prevent East from making two more trump tricks. Six down, 1,700 to East-West. "I had sixteen points", said North apologetically, correctly sensing his partner's displeasure. "Quite so", said South. "In not redoubling, you showed admirable restraint".

This disaster contains a number of lessons in bidding after a pre-empt by the opposition. First, it is considerably more dangerous to enter the bidding when one opponent is unlimited. Secondly, an essential criterion for a take-out double is suitable distribution, which should include a shortage in the opponent's suit. Any defect in distribution must be compensated by greater strength in high cards. Thirdly, nothing could be more puerile than totting up the number of points regardless of their location. And finally, if North's double was bad, his bid of 4 Spades was grotesque. A partner who makes a minimum response to a take-out double may reasonably be assumed to have six or seven points. But North, with five of his wretched 16 points in the opponent's suit, needs considerably more than seven points opposite his shapeless pudding to justify a further bid.

Pre-emptive bids create a minefield of uncertainty for both sides. Only one thing is sure. This particular North will make the same mistake again, but, to make up for it, he will always inform you proudly of the number of points he had.

Gardening/Roy Hay

Growing a happy little begonia

The more I grow tuberous begonias the more I appreciate them, not only for the generous show of colour they give for months in summer but because they are so easy to grow and are such a good long term investment.

Tubers bought soon and set up to sprout will be ideal for growing in beds in the garden, in tubs, window boxes, hanging baskets or in pots indoors. The tubers may be dried off in autumn and stored in trays of peat in any frost free room or greenhouse, started into growth again next year and divided into several places so long as each has a young shoot. Truly easy to manage, these plants give wonderful value for money.

Last year for the first time we grew some of the large flowered hybrids from Belgium. They were about 15ins high with huge double flowers five inches across in red, yellow, orange or pink. This year by dividing the tubers we will at least triple the number of plants available.

We have started off a batch of pendula begonias for hanging baskets, which are fine too for tubs or other containers. The outsized double or "grandiflora" begonias are available under various names — "Prima Donna" varieties or "Giant Trumpet", the former from Dobies, the latter from Unwins.

With economy in mind remember the seed of house plants, especially foliage plants, which have appeared in ever increasing numbers in seed catalogues in the past year or two. These house plants when several years old are expensive in the shops and one has to have patience to grow them from seed.

But it is fun watching them grow and some make sizable plants quite quickly. The banana *Musa arnoldiana*, *M. ensete* and others grow fast 2ft to 4ft in their first season. They will of course grow too large for a living room and have to be relegated to a conservatory or greenhouse.

Growing more slowly we have *Eucalyptus globulus*, the Australian blue gum. *Grevillea robusta*; *Schefflera actinophylla* and *S. arboricola* grow to about 3ft and are happy in sunless rooms. The schefflera has elegant leaves divided into up to nine or 10 segments.

The cacti and other succulents are splendid house plants, understanding and imperturbable if one neglects to water them for a few days, or even weeks.

A packet of mixed cactus seeds should produce half a dozen species, some which will give really lovely flowers and others like the aloes which are attractive for their variegated spiney leaves.

Ferns too are easily raised from spores and if cared for intelligently can make happy house plants for years.

The date palm, *Phoenix robelinii* not only supports, but revels in the fairly high temperatures of centrally heated homes.

Coffee too one can grow from seed and a very attractive plant it is, with small white flowers and, if you are lucky, coffee berries.

The rubber plant, *Ficus elastica* "Decora", also easily raised from seed is in the top two or three of dependable house plants. As the plant grows if it threatens to become too large one can cut off the top six or eight inches, and root this in a sandy compost. The plant will then produce two side shoots. In due course these too may be cut back and produce more side shoots. Left to itself a rubber plant even in a six or seven inch pot will grow to eight or nine feet high.

□ The bitter frosts have been hard on our roses and many of them will have to be cut really hard back into sound healthy green wood — in some cases to almost within six inches of the ground. This will result in the production off strong lush growth, liable to attacks of mildew maybe as early as May or June. So do not worry if you have to cut roses back almost to the ground, but do watch the new growths once or twice a week and, if mildew appears, spray with one of the several systemic fungicides now available.

□ A reader tells me how for years she has grown small bulbs like *Iris histrioides I. reticulata*, crocuses, chionodoxas and others in pots which she sinks to ground level in the open in the autumn. She then brings them indoors just as the buds are about to open and enjoys them on her dinner table and elsewhere. After flowering I presume she plants them out in the garden.

She made the point that the new bulbs in the sunken pots flowered a good two weeks earlier than those which had been in the garden for several years. She suggested that possibly the older bulbs had pulled themselves deeper down into the ground and therefore took longer to surface. This may be so — we do know that some tulip species, known as "droppers" do this. If any reader has any other possible explanation I would be glad to know.

□ More curious behaviour of bulbs, this time in pots or bowls, is when one, or two in a bowl of say hyacinths, tulips or daffodils race ahead and open their flowers a week or more ahead of the others. This may be due to two or more batches of the variety from different growers being mixed together at the wholesalers, something beyond the control of the bulb retailer. One batch may have been left longer in the ground than the others before lifting and ripening off which would account for the odd behaviour.

Hyacinth growers have been desperately trying to find ways of producing saleable bulbs in three years instead of four or five for obvious cost reasons. The result is that some bulbs produce flat stems which carry more "bells" or flowers than round stemmed spikes and they grow more slowly. These variations in growth are not due to any lack of care or inept watering, they are inherent in the bulbs.

One other point about forced bulbs. For reasons we can easily understand the more quickly you force the bulbs in heat the more likely it will be for them to be of uneven growth. The forcing will exaggerate any slight difference between the physical make-up of one bulb and another.

The Great European Eaters: 4

Gert von Paczensky at the Sharrow Bay Hotel, Ullswater

Too little leisure in Lakeland

Of the six famous restaurants in which we made reservations several weeks in advance for our gastronomic tour of Great Britian three rewarded us by giving us the worst tables they had. Twice it was just next to the door — in the Connaught pressed flat against the wall at a tiny table next to an aisle — and once in the middle as a spectacle for guests who were more comfortably installed. That was in the Sharrow Bay Hotel Restaurant on Lake Ullswater. Only one other couple, very young, and probably on their first journey together, shared our role by being displayed for view at the only other equally unfavourable table.

I admit people must sit at such tables if the restaurant owner cannot find any better way of arranging them. The very young couple dispelled any suspicion I might have had that my name, which is very exotic for the world of English speaking restaurants, had singled me out for this privilege; the other sufferers were very clearly English.

Ullswater obviously thought it had to accommodate more people than Inverlochy Castle, where we had a table next to the door; there was room for 60 or 70. This created a further problem for the owner, who was a victim of the prevailing mania for offering the menu and the wine list not at the table but beforehand in the bar or in an ante-room.

This habit will be warmly applauded by the producers of aperitifs. It has nothing to do with the enjoyment of food and wine. It is well known that few people can comfortably consume different alcoholic drinks one after another. Far from being a proof of elegant manners, the habit of organizing a last-minute orgy of whisky, gin and tonic or Campari and soda numbs the taste-buds and in restaurants dedicated to good food and the traditional respect of wine is an attack on the digestive system and the healthy circulation of the blood.

Another such attack is excessive smoking, which some people carry on into the dining room to the detriment of their neighbours. The person and the clothing of heavy smokers give off an atmosphere which is distasteful to those who enjoy good food, as does also heavy perfume. Those who have to sit near such people can hardly concentrate on the aroma of delicate foodstuffs as they should; they really ought to be given a discount.

Many people maintain that an aperitif before the meal does them good. We need only take them seriously if they go on saying it from their, usually early, graves.

You attract unfavourable attention, and are regarded as a nuisance, if you do what is right and most healthy, which is to order the wine that you intend to go on drinking at table, at least with the hors d'oeuvres. In Inverlochy Castle it took almost half an hour to find a house white wine that we had chosen, but gin and tonics or tomato juices were appearing in seconds. We were punished by having the almonds taken away that came with all the other aperitifs, even those that were not alcoholic. As the waiter appeared at last with the bottle we were invited to move to the table.

In the Sharrow Bay Hotel the wine in its ice bucket would hardly have found room in the ante-room. There were so many guests cheek by jowl in the chairs squeezed together for the performance of their aperitif duties. The last people, who came in after us, were banished behind a piano, where at least nobody was staring into their faces from two or three feet away.

This press of people had one advantage: it generated heat, which dried my trousers. We had paddled our way to the restaurant about a mile through pouring rain. The main hotel is too small to accommodate all the guests and we were in the annexe; There was no provision for transport between the two houses even when it was raining; not even when we asked for it. It was suggested that we might be driven by other guests with cars, who presumably were not going to drink any alcohol.

The restaurant offered much more choice than Inverlochy. In the five-course dinner menu only the second course, which was fillets of sole with salmon mousseline, and the sorbet which followed stood alone. Otherwise there was a choice of six soups and 20 hors d'oeuvres, nine main courses, half-a-dozen vegetables and a dozen deserts. There were also cold dishes and a cheese board. The price of the dinner was £19 including tax and service. We chose the hot fish speciality of the house, which was *bisquit de rascasse a l'oseille*. Good, but the taste of the *rascasse* hardly came through; there was a lot of butter in the sorrel sauce and it was rather heavy. The duck terrine had a strong taste, somewhat more acid than I would have expected, and it was very soft, more like a mousse.

As an introduction to the fish there appeared an enormous dark green hard vegatable which resisted attack with the fish-knife. We wondered whether it might be asparagus from the other end of the world, as it was the end of October, but just then someone brought us a stalk of white asparagus. The mystery remained.

The sole was dry from too long cooking. The mousseline of salmon had that fishiness which indicates that it should no longer be served in a restaurant that prides itself on good food. It was accompanied by a solid hollandaise sauce which tasted of cheese; a pity about the fish.

The sorbet had a very good orange flavour but it was unfortunately frozen solid in a manner of sorbets that are not freshly prepared but come out of the deep-freeze.

Roast grouse from Scotland: here we are on the track of the British urge for self-chastisment. The bird was extremely bitter and it did not smell very young. It was possible to force down a few slices by covering them with all the accompaniments, namely bacon, celery, apple, redcurrant jelly, potatoes, fried breadcrumbs and bread sauce. All I can say in favour of these accompaniments is that they were at hand to serve that purpose.

Traditional roast leg of English lamb: lots of vegetables, very pleasant, well-flavoured, although the croutons were rather over-laden with fat. Tradition is a good thing, I was sure of it. The gratin potatoes had too much fat in them and too much cheese. Afterwards we had a very respectable prune ice-cream and a fruit salad which was sugared to excess.

If you ask for it, the wine in this house comes directly out of the cellar at the right temperature, which is a plus-point. We ordered a dry English white wine but it proved to be off and we were recommended another in its place, which was anything but dry: our attention should have been drawn to the difference. The most modest wine was ceremonially offered in the bottle, whereas the most expensive and obviously best cognac in the house, Hennessy Extra, which is no longer produced, was brought in already poured in the glass, which is scandalous.

The atmosphere is pleasant, both dining-rooms are agreeably furnished, the guests were mostly in great good humour and chattered loudly; the staff were attentive and helpful. On this evidence, I would be inclined to put aside all negative impressions. But we were greatly put out by the speed with which we were processed; I am afraid that is the only word. We sat down at five minutes past eight. At twenty minutes past, the hors d'oeuvre and the fish course were already behind us and we had reached the sorbet; that is too fast. To have finished the meal in less than two hours, including coffee with petits-fours and cognac after several copious courses: that is the speed of a forced-feeding-house. It cannot lead to a feeling of comfort, and that is a pity for a restaurant with so many points in its favour.

Egon Ronay gives the restaurant two stars. Michelin is much less enthusiastic. The hotel has 29 rooms If the staff would take a little more trouble I would be inclined to give it one star.



Next: The English House in Chelsea.

The Times Cook/Shona Crawford Poole

Hamburg's gift to the world

The hamburger, as anyone with offspring old enough to hold a menu knows, rates higher than manna. It is the backbone of many a fast food chain, and perhaps of many a child.

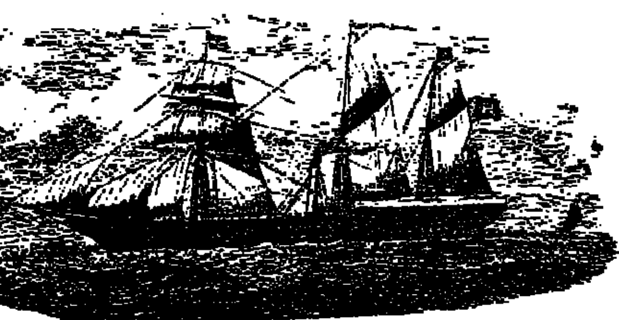
Hamburger took its name from Hamburg beef — salted and sometimes smoked meat which was emigrant sustenance on ships of the Hamburg-Amerika line sailing from Germany to the United States in the 1850s. When the new arrivals copied their seafaring diet with chopped fresh beef, hamburger steaks took over America.

Since then the hamburger and its now ubiquitous bun have conquered the world. And the resulting challenge for hotel chains like Hilton International is to make sure that its kitchens around the globe turn out the expected all-American article. How they do it provides a neat lesson in business methods as well as in burger making.

In its spartan burrow under the splendours of the Vista Hotel at the World Trade Centre in New York — the vista offered is the Statue of Liberty — is the group's Food Research Centre. Here files on the "culinary heritage" of each of 45 countries in which Hilton operates are compiled. The Centre also produces beautifully photographed microfiche transparencies showing step by step methods of food preparation and presentation.

Every maitre chef has his own library of these 'how to do it the Hilton way' cards for reference and teaching. The topics covered range from dishes to serve at a salmon festival, through tableside cooking, to an exhaustive study of the Hilton hamburger.

Microfiche file B6 is Hamburger Project I. In a list of 16 "don'ts" which preface the subject are the instruction "do not add onion, breadcrumbs, milk or eggs". We learn that chuck or round steak gives "a juicy and flavorful hamburger with less shrinkage" and that a fat content of 18 to 20 per cent ensures juiciness.



A typical emigrant sailing ship: hamburgers were a delight.

The meat should be chilled to just above freezing and ground twice through a sharp mincer blade with holes of four point five millimeters diameter. A light seasoning of salt and freshly ground black pepper, with a little optional monosodium glutamate "to help hold the color and flavor", is all that is added.

The meat should be handled as little as possible and formed into burgers which weigh 150 grams, are two centimeters thick and nine and a half centimeters diameter. "The meat patty should have well defined, sharply cut edges and be of uniform thickness."

After more about shaping and freezing the patties there are instructions for cooking them. "The correct surface temperature of the griddle plate for broiling is 175°-185°C. It has been proven that this temperature sears the outside of the meat patty, sealing in the juices while ensuring even cooking without burning or forming a hard crust." At this temperature the recommended cooking time for a medium hamburger would be about five minutes.

Now we come to the all important business of presentation. The standard Hilton burger garnish is thus three leaves of lettuce, one slice of tomato, one slice of raw onion (thin slice of 20 grams), 50 grams of mixed pickles, one sprig of parsley and 80 grams of French fries.

The cheeseburger is the same deal with a "slice of white American processed cheese" melted over it. A baconburger includes bacon of course, but a third fewer French fries, 60 grams of coleslaw and a radish. The bacon cheeseburger commands two olives and a pickled onion as well. Then there are onion burgers, the fromage burger (blue cheese and a radish rose decoration), the chili burger, and the sizzler.

Variations—on the theme rise to even dizzier heights on microfiche file B 17 Hamburger Project II which was developed by the Royal Tehran Hilton. There is the tropical chicken hamburger topped with banana, cream, mushroom and shallot sauce, the feta burger, the lambburger, Aloha burger, satay burger, and a top people's Wellington burger with patty, egg, onion and sweet pepper elegantly encased in puff pastry.

Personally speaking, I like my hamburgers plain, although more highly seasoned than chefs or manufacturers usually offer these days. And I am not crazy about monosodium glutamate, or buns. The points in the Food Research Centre's hamburger projects which I found most useful were the advice on fat content, and on chilling the beef well before mincing it. Handling the meat no more than is necessary to shape the hamburgers ensures that they have a pleasantly light texture.

About 680g (1½ 1bs) of chuck or round steak makes four big juicy hamburgers. But what I have not worked out yet is any better method of testing the correct cooking temperature than broiling a medium burger.

Unit Trust Prices—change on the week

This table is published on Wednesday and Saturday—FT index change on week 560.7+13.4 (2.4%)

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Bid	Current Offer	Yield
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BUSINESS NEWS

More houses started

HOUSEBUILDING
dwellings started in Great Britain
thousands 300 200 100
PRIVATE SECTOR
PUBLIC SECTOR
Source: Dept of the Environment
1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981

In spite of bad weather and high mortgage rates 10 per cent more new dwellings were started in January than in the same month last year. Work started on 11,500 houses and flats compared with 10,400 last year, according to the Department of the Environment. But completions were sharply down at 13,400 compared with 16,400 a year ago. In the whole of 1981, a meagre 153,200 were started.

Sir Nicholas to stay

It looks virtually certain that Sir Nicholas Goodison will enter his seventh year as chairman of the Stock Exchange. Any suggestion that he might stand down or that other candidates wanted to challenge him would have been known earlier this week when Mr Patrick Mitford-Slade was elected deputy chairman designate. Only a late challenge at the first meeting of the new Stock Exchange Council on June 25 could remove him.

US jobless at 8.8 pc

The United States unemployment rate rose to a seasonally adjusted 8.8 per cent in February after a one-month decline to 8.5 per cent in January, the Labour Department said in Washington. Total employment was almost unchanged at 99.59 million last month, compared to 99.58 million in January, but the number of jobless people rose because the number of Americans in the workforce climbed 286,000 to 109.17 million the department added.

Warning on sugar price

The proposed 9 per cent increase in EEC sugar prices this year will place a further burden on consumers and producers in the rest of the world, leaders of the main sugar-using industries said yesterday.

The Food Manufacturers' Federation; the Cocoa, Chocolate and Confectionery Alliance; and the Cake and Biscuit Alliance said the present record surplus was 6 million tonnes, or 60 per cent of domestic consumption. The European Commission was so concerned that it was withholding 2 million tonnes from the market.

The storage levy was costing consumers an extra £6 a tonne, and another 2 per cent levy to curb surplus production meant that the greater the surplus, the higher the price.

Carpet jobs go

Wilton Royal Carpets is to make 91 workers redundant at its Axminster plant at Wilton, near Salisbury, Wiltshire. The jobs lost represent nearly a quarter of the workforce. The company blames the recession.

H & P defence

Huntley & Palmer, the biscuit group, will bring out its defence document on Monday against the unwanted £72.5m takeover bid from Rowntree Mackintosh.

Rowntree says Huntley does not have enough capital for investment, modernization and marketing. So Huntley will need to convince shareholders that it possesses the qualities and resources to nurture its own development.

● The United Nations law of the sea conference resumes in New York on Monday with 77 countries hoping to break United States' opposition on seabed mining and reach agreement on a draft treaty. The conference has been stalled for almost a year while the Reagan administration reviews its position.

● The management of the private telecommunications consortium, Mercury, has agreed to issue contracts worth £2m for microwave radio and related equipment.

● Oil exploration on China's continental shelf will start next year, opening the way for production to begin after 1986, Mr Qin Wencai, the minister in charge of China's new oil programme said yesterday. More than 40 foreign oil companies are seeking exploration licences.

MARKET SUMMARY

'Bed and breakfast' rush

LONDON EXCHANGE

FT Index 560.7 up 4.0
FT Gilts 68.36 up 0.47
FT All Share 323.03 up 1.30
Bargains 24,604

Equities remained steady, helped by the prospect of a 1½ per cent cut in mortgage rates next month and signs of a rally on Wall Street. However, turnover was lower with most dealers again occupied with the last minute rush by investors to complete "bed and breakfast" deals ahead of the budget.

Fears exist in the City that the Chancellor may decide to scrap bed and breakfast deals, where investors sell shares in the evening and buy them back the next morning at a slightly higher price to establish a tax loss for the financial year.

A large seller of 1 million Royal Dutch, worth around £16.5m, at £16 9/32 was a case in point. The Inland Revenue is keeping a close watch.

The FT Index ended the day 4.0 higher at 560.7 with most market pundits expecting a fairly bullish budget statement and bears unable to close their positions.

A line of 100,000 BTR came on offer wiping 10p from the share price at 354p, ahead of Monday's full-year figures. These are expected to show a useful increase in profits from £70m to £90m but the market is worried by a possible rights issue accompanying the figures and the effect on future profits by South Africa during the current economic climate. Last year, sales in Africa amounted to £38m against a group total of over £500m.

Meanwhile, interest rates continued to dominate, with gilts making further headway and registering rises of up to £¼, in spite of profit taking after this week's spectacular gains.

Brokers Scrimgeour Kemp-Gee are bullish of the Habitat Mothercare merger and regard it as a long-term hold, offering a sharp increase in profits over five years.

British Sugar jumped 19p to 450p, exited by rumours of a brokers' circular. But Thorn EMI continued to lose ground after recent forecasts by brokers, placing profits at below £90m against earlier estimates of £100m. The shares ended 3p cheaper at 430p.

Analysts are also having a rethink about profits from some of the second line shipping companies which are due to report within the next month or so.

With ships lying idle, profits are being gradually downgraded. Among those to suffer are Lyle Shipping, 10p down at 308p, Ropner Holdings 2p to 110p and Walter Runciman 4p to 98p.

Fleet Holdings encountered a little profit taking, slipping ½p to 22½p following Thursday's debut and its demerger from Trafalgar House. The directors, including Lord Matthews, chairman, hold around 1.9 per cent of the shares and are the largest group of shareholders after the Prudential, with 5 per cent.

ESI, the Luxembourg-based computer group, was a star turn, leaping 12p to 180p in a thin market. The shares are quoted under rule 163.

Clyde Petroleum new shares rose a further 2p to 7p against last week's price of 4p. The shares, which go fully paid on March 15, are reckoned to still have plenty of life in them and may double in value before then. Equity turnover on March 4 was £157.062m (21,028 bargains).

Michael Clark

COMMODITIES

● Gas oil contracts for near term delivery slumped yesterday, unnerved by continuing reports of an emergency Opec meeting which dealers believe will cut crude prices. For the fifth successive day prices reached contract lows. March was down $12 the biggest fall, to $246 a tonne, and April fell by $3 to $238.

MONEY MARKETS

● Period rates continued to ease and the Treasury Bill rate fell from 13.29 to 12.50 per cent. On a forecast shortage of £300m, the Bank bought £58m of bills outright and £170m for repurchase on March 30, all at unchanged rates.

Domestic Rates:
Base rates 13½
3-month Interbank 13⅝ - 13½
Euro-Currency Rates
3-month dollar 14 5/16 - 14 3/16
3-month DM 9 11/16 - 9 9/16
3-month Fr. F. 15 7/16 - 15 5/16

OTHER EXCHANGES

Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones average 7,285.54, down 69.28.
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,158.92, up 18.34.

CURRENCIES

● The dollar weakened all round on lower interest rate expectations but the pound shrugged off speculation about base-rate cuts ahead of a predicted tough Budget.

LONDON CLOSE
STERLING
$1.8385, up 105 points
Index 91.1, up 0.1
DM 4.3150
FrF 11.0400
Yen 431.00
DOLLAR
Index 112.2, down 0.8
DM 2.3442, down 213 pts
GOLD
$342.25, down £2

Abbey wants 1.5pc cut in homes rate

By Baron Phillips



Clive Thornton: alone

Mortgage interest rates could fall by as much as 1½ percentage points when building society leaders meet next week, Mr Clive Thornton, chief general manager of the Abbey National, said yesterday.

This would reduce the rate from its present record 15 per cent to 13.5 per cent.

There is mounting pressure on building societies to cut their rates. Over the last few weeks banks have been steadily reducing their interest charges and the Nat West has trimmed its home loan rates to 14.5 per cent. Interest rates for National Savings investors have also fallen, easing the need on building societies to offer high returns to savers.

Mr Thornton said last night: "A cut of only 1 per cent in the mortgage rate is unlikely to be acceptable to my board". A cut of 1 per cent or less would be "extremely disappointing", he added, and pointed out that the Abbey National might go it alone if the other societies dragged their feet.

Some societies did not want to cut their rates, Mr Thornton added, and "if the mood was to do nothing, we would be in a mood to go it alone".

If the Building Society Association follows Mr Thornton's advice, a homeowner with a £25,000 mortgage, would see his gross repayments fall from the present £322.50 a month to £293.75.

It is thought that many societies share the feelings of the Abbey but inflows of funds and mortgage lending vary sharply. Some believe that a 1 per cent cut in rates is far more likely which, unless there is a sharp reduction in general rates, would give the societies an edge over high street banks.

Mr Thornton said yesterday that is was unacceptable for building societies to be undercut by the banks. "We are not interested in leaving the initiative to the banks", he said.

Support for Mr Thornton came last night from the Woolwich Building Society. But the Woolwich was not keen on cutting the rate so much, feeling that bringing it down to 13¾ per cent was more acceptable. A spokesman for the society said they were concerned that a substantial reduction in rates would hit investors and make it difficult to attract savings. Much would depend on what the Chancellor offered in the Budget by way of National Savings schemes.

□ Last niht the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors announced it was abandoning its recommended scale of fees for mortgage valuation work. But it seems unlikely that house buyers will see any changes in the amount they are charged for the service.

Although sveyors have scrapped their fee scales, building societies have not and customers will still be charged at the same level.

City trends point to interest rate fall

By John Whitmore

City optimism that interest rates will fall further over the coming weeks was reflected in a sharp drop in the Treasury bill rate at yesterday's weekly tender.

Aggressive bidding for the £100m of three-month bills on offer led to bills being allotted at an average rate of discount of 12.4972 per cent, down from 13.2862 per cent the previous Friday.

Other money market rates also eased further yesterday, generally by about ¼ per cent. This means that most period rates have eased by about ½ per cent ovr the week. The three-month interbank rate, for example, has come down from 14 to 13½ per cent.

Although the Bank of England has kept its own dealing rates steady, as a sign that it does not want to see interest rates fall too fast, the general feeling is that the banks will reduce their base rates in the middle of next week provided there are no reflationary shocks in Sir Geoffrey Howe's Budget.

If the Government's proposed fiscal policy is considered adequately cautiou, many dealers will be looking for a fall in base rates to about 12 per cent by late spring.

Yesterday the dollar slipped a further 2.13 pfennigs to close at DM 2.3442, a loss on the week of just over 4 pfennigs.

The dollar also lost ground to sterling. The pound gained 1.05 cents to $1.8385, a rise of 1.7 cents on the week. Sterling's index against a basket of currencies rose 0.1 yesterday to finish the week unchanged at 91.1.

Lond-dated government stocks made further gains of 50p or more, while the FT 30 share index addes 4 points to 560.7, a gain of 13.4 on the week.

On the air...and in the red

Local radio tuning in to loss

By Torin Douglas

Last year was the worst for commercial radio since the medium moved into profit in the mid-1970s. Up to a third of the independent radio stations are expected to declare losses when their results are published over the next three weeks.

The figures are being published just as the lastest wave of eight new stations as come on air and there are dubts among station managers as to whether some of the smaller stations will ever be profitable. "The validity of some stations must be in doubt", Mr James Gordon, managing director of Glasgow's Radio Clyde says. Clyde has seen its pre-tax profit cut from £560,000 to 320,000 in the year to September 30 1981. A third of that profit came from interest payments.

By far the largest loss is that of Cardiff's CBC, which was set up unconventionally as a community station. It has declared a loss for the year of £126,000, as a result of which the Independent Broadcasting Authority has deferred its rental payments.

The Ipswich station, Radio Orwell, declared a nine-month loss of £48,000 in the year to June 30, prior to a merger with the new Bury St. Edmunds station due of the air at the end of the year.

Radio 210, the Thames Valley station, saw profits halved from £113,000 to £47,000 and the other stations who have so far declared figures all show fall in profits.

Worse is expected over the next few weeks, however, as the remaining stations hold their annual general meetings. Of the 26 stations declaring figures for last year, nine are expected to announce losses and three will be on or around the break-even mark. LBC's 1980 profit of £1.4 million is expected to be virtually wiped out and even Capital Radio, by far the most profitable of the independent local radio stations, is likely to show a drop from last year's profit of £2.7 million.

Admittedly, the previous year was particularly good one for the radio stations, who made good profits largely because of the ITV strike which gave radio a huge revenue boost.

In addition, in the five months since the last financial year ended, radio revenue has recovered, leaping by over 25 per cent, thanks partly to a general advertising recovery and partly to a reorganisation of the industry's selling arrangements, itself brought on largely as a reaction to last year's appalling figures.

Two of the four national radio sales companies, AIR Services and Radio Sales and Marketing, merged to form a single sales firm, Independent Radio Sales, and a number of stations switched sales companies so that their airtime could be sold to national advertisers through regional groupings.

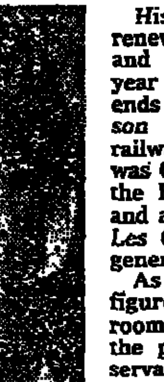
However, since last summer, eight new stations have come on the air, several of them serving remarkably small areas, which means that the total radio revenue is now being split between 34 stations instead of 26. Nine more stations are due to start broadcasting in the next 18 months and the Home Office has already given approval for 69 ILR stations in all.

Far from helping the radio business to attract national advertisers which is still a major problem (radio takes less than two per cent of display advertising revenue), most of the new stations are too small to interest major advertisers and there is a danger that the increasing fragmentation of the radio audience will be a serious deterrent.

Griffin tipped for NCB

By Peter Hill, Industrial Editor





Kenneth Griffin: Short listed.

Consultants engaged to find a successor to Sir Derek Ezra as chairman of the National Coal Board are expected to submit their short list of candidates to Mr Nigel Lawson, Secretary of State for Energy before the end of this month.

Mr Kenneth Griffin, deputy chairman of British Shipbuilders, has emerged as a prime contender for arguably the toughest job in the nationalized sector.

Various possible candidates for the chairmanship — which Sir Derek vacates early in July — have included retiring miners' leader, Mr Joe Gormley, and Mr Eric Varley and Mr Roy Mason former Labour Cabinet Ministers.

MSL, the consultancy company engaged by the Government to find the new chairman, have extended their search widely and their original brief did not rule out overseas candidates.

Mr Griffin's credentials for the chairmanship clearly have some attraction to the Government and to energy ministers. He has first-hand experience of national wage bargaining and played a formative role in the negotiation of the shipbuilding industry's first national agreement after nationalization in 1977. He is also a familiar figure in the NCB, being appointed one of the board's part-time directors in 1976 and completed his third term at the end of last month.

His NCB contract was not renewed for a fourth term and his present £34,000 a year appointment with BS ends in a year's time. The son of a Great Western railway worker, Mr Griffin was Cardiff area secretary of the Electrical Trades Union and a disciple of the late Sir Les Cannon, the right wing general secretary.

As well as being a familar figure in the NCB boardroom, Mr Griffin has enjoyed the patronage of both Conservative and Labour Governments, being recruited by Mr Wedgwood Benn just before the 1970 general election as head of a team of industrial advisers to the former Department of Trade and Industry. He subsequently served under the late Mr John Davies in a similar role with the Tory Government.

The Government is seriously considering splittig the NCB chairman's responsibilities with the new chairman likely to assume a figurehead role backed up by a chief executive, from within the industry, being given executive responsibility for running the business.

Imports take 58pc of car market

By Peter Hill
Industrial Editor

Imported cars claimed more than 58 per cent of total new car sales in the United Kingdom in the first two months of this year.

Foreign cars accounted for 57 per cent of the total February sales — up from 53.7 per cent a year ago. Over the same period the importers' share rose to 58.4 per cent compared with 53.3 per cent a year ago. The rise, according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, was due almost entirely to improved sales by other EEC countries. The total market share held by Japanese companies last month was down to 9.1 per cent compared with 10.6 per cent a year earlier.

Ford maintained its position as market leaders with its Escort and Cortina models ranking first and second both last month and for the first two months of the year.

After a dismal performance last year when its market share fell to a little over 18 per cent — against its target of 20 per cent — BL improved its sales last month. Its overall market share rose to 19.3 per cent with the Metro ranking as the third best selling car.

Registrations for the first two months were down to 237,743 against 258,853 a year earlier. The most spectacular improvement was recorded by General Motors. The company, which sells Opel and Vauxhall models, claimed 12 per cent of the market

In the commercial vehicle sector, where the recession has been felt particularly acutely, leading BL to announce a far-reaching rationalization programme, sales were down by almost 8 per cent last month on year earlier levels with foreign models increasing their share of the market to 35 per cent.

Defence Ministry to use private insurers

By Peter Wilson-Smith

In a radical departure from the tradition that the Government carries its own insurance, the Ministry of Defence yesterday announced its vehicle and employee liability insurance is being put out to the private sector.

This is another victory for Sir Derek Rayner, the man brought in by Mrs Thatcher to wage war on waste in Whitehall, and it is expected to yield savings of £11.4m for the Exchequer over the next 10 years.

In the past, the Ministry's MoD's Claims Commission handled the ministry's insrance as well as about half the claims work for other Government departments, but after a study carried out under the aspices of Sir Derek Reyner, which gave rise to a more detailed examination, it was decided there would be advantages in transferring to commecial insurers the motor and employee liability business. They make up the bulk of the Claims Commission's workload in this country.

General Accident will underwrite the business and the Department's insurance brokers will be Minet and Sedgwick. The amount the ministry will pay in insurance premiums is being kept a secret.

The business covers about 50,000 vehicles and nearly 250,000 employees. Last year the Claims Commission paid out about £500,000 on traffic accidents and £1.5m to £2m on employee liability.

Inquiry almost complete

By our financial Staff

The Stock Exchange disciplinary committee has now seen all but two of the partners of former Manchester stock brockers firm Halliday, Simpson which it suspended last summer for investigation.

The two remaining are senior partner Mr David Garner and Mr Russel Torr who resigned before the firm was suspended.

Though not acknowledging that it was taking disciplinary measures against the partners, the Exchange says that once the inquiries are, finished the results might be handed over to the Director of Public Prosecutions. Mr Garner and Mr Torr are thought likely to appear before the disciplinary committee within three weeks.

Meanwhile, several partners are understood to have not received any money from the firm which voluntarily wound itself up four days after the Exchange suspension.

At the time of the winding up Halliday said it was solvent and had sufficient funds to meet all its liabilities.

Panel urged to unmask mystery ACC buyer

By Philip Robinson

The Takeover Panel has been asked to identify a mystery buyer who is believed to have spent about £1m buying just under 2 per cent of the non-voting shares in Associated Communication Corporation over the past few days.

ACC is the subject of three takeover offers, two from Australian financier Mr Robert Holmes à Court with a top value of £46m and one from Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron Corporation worth £50m.

The panel request was made by Barclays Merchant Bank, advising Heron, after initial inquiries over the identity of the buyer drew a blank. The buyer is believed to come from Australia or the Far East and much of the buying is believed to have been done by stockbrokers T. C. Coombs, who have offices in Melbourne and Hongkong.

Mr Edgar Astaire, senior partner of stockbrokers Astaire and Co, who are acting for Heron, said last night: "There has been a big move in the share price today. We have tried to find out who the buyer is but have not met with success. We asked the panel to make inquiries and their initial results are not satisfactory to them or us, so we asked them to investigate."

In the past week ACC's share price — which Heron's takeover offer puts at 90p — has risen 13p. The largest daily rise came yesterday when it gained 6p to a new 12-month peak of 97p before easing back to close at 93p.

The shares acquired by the unknown buyer represent 1.8 per cent of the non-voting shares. Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, said earlier this week that he had bought some shares, but he is not thought to be behind the buying spree.

Mr Michael Peterson of Barclays Merchant Bank said last night: "I'm amazed that Coombs, a London stockbroking firm, says it has not got the telephone number of its Australian office, which gave it the buying order."

Meanwhile, Heron plans to issue its formal offer document for Lord Grade's old company next Wednesday. ACC said last night that there was still no word from Mr Holmes à Court's Bell Group on whether it was still prepared to bid, top Heron's offer or withdraw.

It is now understood that Heron is not happy with the price at which ACC is proposing to dispose of the Classic cinema chain. If Mr Ronson's approval to sell that asset is not forthcoming, ACC will either have to call a special shareholders' meeting, or ask for approval from a full meeting of the Takeover Panel.

Setback for synthetic fuel

By Jonathan Davis, Energy Correspondent

Falling oil prices and a slump in demand mean that large-scale manufacture of synthetic fuels is now unlikely before the next century, according to Mr John McKinley, chairman and chief executive of Texaco.

Texaco economists believe that demand will fall further this year. Unless members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries take any decisive action, they add, prices could fall as low as $15 a barrel. The average price now is $33 a barrel.

Mr McKinley said in Washington that it was widely assumed until last year that the decline of conventional supplies of oil and gas made the development of alternative fuels a matter of urgency. But that was no longer the case.

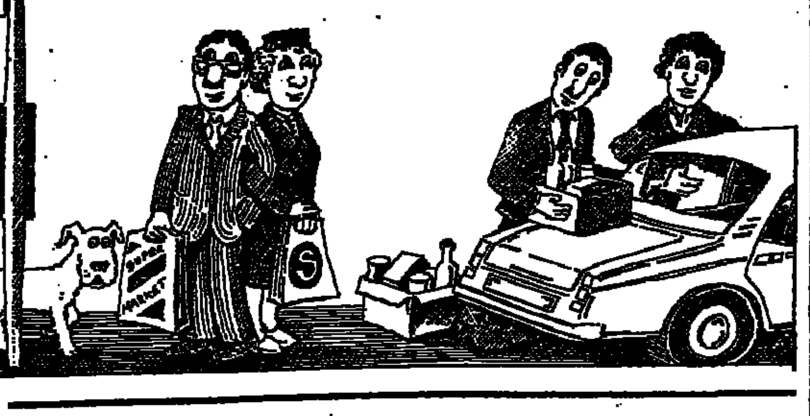
The oil company's economists say there is a good chance that oil prices will continue falling over the next six to 12 months regardless of any Opec decisions. Even if the Opec producers try to cut production, the official $34 a barrel pricing structure will remain at risk because there will be no immediate recovery in demand.

"The floor to which prices might fall could be $15 a barrel or less", they say.

The analysis comes as Opec members are preparing for an emergency meeting later this month.

FAMILY MONEY





Single Person — Average Wage	April '78 £	April '79 £	April '81 £	*April '82 £
Weekly Income	89.10	101.40	140.50	157.36
National Insurance Contribution	5.79	6.59	10.88	13.76
Tax	21.99	22.96	34.20	38.32
Disposable Income	61.32	71.85	95.42	105.28
Disposable Income as % of gross income	68.8%	70.8%	67.9%	66.9%
Personal Tax Allowance per annum	985	1,165	1,375	1,540

Married Couple Both Working — Income 2 Times Average Wage — 2 Children	April '78 £	April '79 £	April '81 £	April '82 £
Weekly Income	178.20	202.80	281.00	314.72
*National Insurance Contributions	11.58	13.18	21.77	27.53
Tax	41.65	42.92	63.98	71.67
Disposable Income	124.97	146.70	195.25	215.52
Disposable Income as % of Gross Income	70.1%	72.3%	69.4%	68.4%
Child Benefit (tax free x 2)	4.60	8.00	9.50	10.50
Married Man's Tax Allowance plus Wife's Earned Income Allowance	2,250	2,980	3,520	3,940

*Assuming both pay full rate contributions

Married Couple — Non-Working Wife — 3 Times Average Wage	April '78 £	April '79 £	April '81 £	*April '82 £
Weekly Income	267.30	304.20	421.50	472.08
National Insurance Contribution	7.80	8.77	15.50	19.25
Tax	90.00	89.67	139.63	155.75
Disposable Income	169.50	205.76	266.37	297.08
Disposable Income as % of gross income	63.4%	67.6%	63.1%	62.9%
Married Man's Tax Allowance per annum	1,535	1,815	2,145	2,400

Deceptive tax 'cuts' look like leaving us worse off

When the Chancellor stands up on Tuesday to announce his Budget, he will no doubt, tell us all how generous he has been in cutting personal taxes.

But unless his Budget is a real giveaway in tax terms — which seems unlikely — the truth of the matter is that we will be worse off.

The general feeling is that Sir Geoffrey will index personal allowances and possibly raise the thresholds for higher rate tax, but will prefer to cut employers' national insurance contributions rather than reduce basic rate tax which costs the exchequer £870 million for every 1 per cent reduction.

Cuts in employers' national insurance surcharge has the dual effect of improving companies' profitability and providing employment incentives. And it is generally agreed that there is no evidence to suggest that Sir Geoffrey's Budget of 1979 which put many thousands of pounds extra into the pockets of higher rate taxpayers, has produced a desire to work harder amongst the higher paid.

How does the Government manage to convince us that we are better off? By the simple device of ignoring increases in employees' National Insurance contributions.

Our tables show how taxpayers have fared over the past three years. In Sir Geoffrey's first Budget after taking office, taxes were cut — particularly for the high earners who saw their marginal rate of tax reduced from 83 per cent to 60 per cent.

Disposable income — the amount left to spend after all deductions — rose by 2 per cent for a single person, 2.2 per cent for a married couple and a massive 4.2 per cent for anyone earning three times the national average.

But the rejoicing was short-lived. National Insurance contributions rose from 6.5 per cent of earnings up to a limit of £135 a week, to 6.75 per cent of earnings up to £165 in 1980 — the year in which personal tax allowances were frozen.

By April 1981 we were all paying contributions of 7.75 per cent on earnings up to £200 a week and in April of this year the rate is due to be increased to 8.75 per cent of earnings up to a limit of £220 a week. The worst aspect of his con trick is the disproportionate burden shouldered by the lower paid — the more you earn, the less the tax affects you.

The April 1982 figures in our table have assumed that the Chancellor will index personal allowances by 12 per cent — last year's inflation rate — and that he will push up the starting point of higher rate tax by around 15 per cent, moving the threshold from its current level of £11,250 to a round £13,000. We have assumed that above this figure the higher rate tax bands remain the same, making the starting point for the 60 per cent tax band at taxable income of £29,500 instead of £27,750.

They also assume a 12 per cent rise in average earnings. What the tables reveal is that even including these "tax cuts", disposable income as a percentage of gross income will continue its downward dive

The only sector of society to maintain their position over the past three years has been — quite rightly — pensioners whose disposable income at the basic state retirement pension level has been index linked. But who can live on less than 20 per cent of average earnings?

Lorna Bourke

Home sweet home for the funds

Suggestions that the British stock market had moved too far too fast in January turned out to be true. Disappointing industrial production figures at home, which raised fears that our economic recovery might be faltering, and rising interest rates in the United States were major influences behind the London market setback last month.

Despite this, it is still homebased funds which dominate the top half of the 1982 unit trust league table.

Current front-runners remain the equity income trusts which take more than half of the first twenty places. They have drawn their strength from the growing recognition of the recovery potential in the British manufacturing sector. This is a major investment area for many of the funds.

Target Income, for instance, is well represented in contracting and engineering stocks and in last month's report the managers commented that they were looking for further investments among such companies.

The main difference outside the top ten compared with a month ago is the numerous appearances of gilt trusts amongst the leaders. No less than 15 gilt funds are listed amongst the first 50. Government stocks, of course, were strong last month on hopes of further reductions in interest rates. This trend has continued into March.

Apart from income trusts, another sector of the home market which has put up a good showing this year are those funds specialising in investment trust companies. The Practical Fund stands in 12th position, while James Finlay Investment Trust is listed at 24th.

*Current Value of £100 Invested Over Two Months to March 1, 1982

Trust	Value
1. Target Income	£116.00
2. James Finlay High Income	£113.60
3. Gartmore Smaller Cos. Recovery	£113.60
4. Capel Income	£112.70
5. Fidelity Gilt & Fix. Interest	£112.10
6. Britannia Extra Income	£111.90
7. Quilter Quadrant Income	£111.70
8. Rowan High Yield	£111.50
9. Perpetual Income	£111.40
10. M. & G. Gilt Income	£111.20

FT Industrial Ordinary Index 103.9.
*Net income reinvested.
Source: Planned Savings Magazine.

How to be in on a kill with the stags



"It's the rich man's Bingo, the top person's Tombola" explained one happy Amersham stag. It was also the easiest £10,000 this stockbroker had made in his life. Stagging — the speculative buying of a new share issue for a quick profit, is a blood sport that should be banned according to the pious but probably poorer members of the House of Commons.

Stagging can be risky as well as rewarding, but it is one of the surer ways that the small investor, increasingly squeezed by minimum commission rates, can deal in shares cheaply.

No commission or stamp duty is paid on a new issue although you pay commission and capital gains tax when you sell

The professional punters, however, make a real killing because they can raise enough initial stake money to acquire a worth-while number of shares. Stagging at this level requires some skill.

The basic need is for an understanding bank manager — preferably several of them situated as far away from the Square Mile as possible. If he thinks the issue is going to be massively oversubscribed, the stag has to apply for many more shares than he actually wants or can afford in order to get a reasonable number. The cheque sent with the application form has to cover this whole amount.

Using a far-flung country bank account could save interest charges. It can take up to five days to clear a cheque written from an account in John O'Groats. The trick is to put in an application form, and a cheque at the last minute. The cheque will usually only be cashed if it has been successful. When you receive your allotment letter and a cheque for the surplus cash, assuming you haven't been landed with all the shares you asked for, you put it into a London bank where there is 24-hour clearing.

At the very least this system cuts down the period that you will be charged interest on your overdraft or lose interest on your deposit.

Where it is known, as it was in the case of Amersham that the issue will favour the small investor, the determined stag has to do a lot of leg, or rather arm, work filling in masses of different applications for fairly modest amounts. Such multiple applications are officially frowned on and the issuing houses are wise to the obvious ploys. But it's possible to beat the system using different bank accounts — with everyone in the family having several, each in different places. They can confuse matters by applying at different times and from the place of work, as well as the home.

Sophisticated professionals can use nominees of company bank accounts to cover their tracks. Since there may be just one cheque from a stockbroker a solicitor or some other intermediary covering a multitude of clients' applications, there is no way of knowing whether the thousand different forms represent genuine individuals or an exhaustive list of fictitious names for one punter.

Companies going public frequently offer employees preferential treatment on share issues. The truly dedicated stag will hang around the factory gates until he finds a worker who is prepared to subscribe for large amounts of shares on his behalf. The stag will put up the money and the employee will take a share of the profit.

What the critics forget, however, is that it can all go horribly wrong. If you miscalculate the popularity of an issue you could be left holding far too many shares — worse they could go to a discount when dealing in the shares starts. Timing is crucial. All sorts of things can upset the market in the ten or fourteen days between the initial offer to the first day's dealing. The classic debacel was in July 1976 when several large new issues belly-flopped because in-between the offer of the shares and dealings the National Westminster Bank made a large inconveniently timed rights issue.

Hambro Life was one of the companies that came to market in those weeks. It was 50 times over-subscribed but went to a discount

Margaret Drummond

Gold: the long and the short of it

Opinions on the short-term price trend of gold are as varied as the weather. Fundamentally, the views divide into two categories. There are those who say that the present price of $347 an ounce (down xxx on the week) is more or less as low as the yellow metal is going. This school of thought has it that it would be greedy to hold-off investing in anticipation of another few dollars more especially as reluctant investors would then jeopardize their chances of getting in at the start of a new bull phase.

For those who can afford a long term perspective five years, it is quite realistic to expect a 100 per cent plus capital appreciation from gold's present low. For the majority, whose circumstances require a shorter time horizon, the prospects remain dismal.

The same factors that have characterized gold's two year bear phase, principally high interest rates coupled with over-supply from South Africa and the USSR, are still very much in evidence. Investors can forget political shocks too. Major scares of the last 12 months such as the military clampdown in Poland and the assassination of President Sadat had such minimal effect that it is questionable whether gold has lost its role as a barometer of fear. In addition, there is a world glut of oil, and traditionally that too has been a bearish factor for gold.

One novel way of investing in gold with the opportunity of making money on your own predictions of what the price will do is through the IG Index.

IG (Investors' Gold) Index was set up in 1975 by ex-Hill Samuel and Vavasseur man Stuart Wheeler.

IG make no secret of the fact that what they offer is a betting service. But, they claim, the advantage of this is that there is no liability to income or capital gains tax. According to Stuart Wheeler, both counsel's opinion and the Revenue attitude are quite clear on this.

Betting duty is payable, and this is covered by IG's spread of around 1 per cent. Before placing bets, it is necessary to open an account but once this formality is completed, investors can gamble on the gold price for as little as a few hundred pounds. IG handled £5m in gold bets during 1981.

This is how the system works. Suppose the gold price is $347 on March 8. On that date an IG account holder decides that further falls will take place and so places a three month 'down' bet of £5 — the minimum transaction.

IG will quote an opening figure of $356.5, that is, a few dollars above the March 8 market price. The deposit required on the bet will be 15% of 356.5 multiplied by five. That equals £267.37. Bets are made in dollars suppose that at the end of the three month bet on June 7, the gold price has dropped to $300 an ounce. There will have been a fall of $56.5 on IG's quoted opening figure, so, the account holder will win 56.5 multiplied by £5. That is £282.50. The account holder will also have his deposit of £267.37 returned to him.

It sounds too good to be true but, of course, if by some fluke gold soared to $1,000 an ounce by June 7, the account holder would find himself on the losing end of the bet by around £3,200.

However, on this point IG stress that long before this might happen they would ensure that the account holder either topped up his deposit or closed the bet.

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Peter Gartland

MONEY TALK

No time to waste for 23rd issue

If you have been thinking of buying 23rd Issue National Savings Certificates, don't waste time. The Chancellor has made no secret of the fact that he wants interest rates down, and there is every chance that the current 23rd issue will be withdrawn on Tuesday as part of the Budget changes and replaced with a new owner-yielding issue.

Maximum holding of 23rd issue is £5,000 per person and if held for the full five years, the return is equivalent to 10.5 per cent per annum tax free. This is not terribly attractive to basic rate taxpayers but higher rate taxpayers will find this difficult to beat. About the only comparable investment likely to show a better return for a higher-rate taxpayer is the current index-linked issue.

Inflation is likely to exceed 10.5 per cent over the coming 12 months so take up your maximum entitlement to the index linked issue first.

Rail offer

British Rail is giving away free annual season tickets worth several thousands of pounds in a competion to boost membership of its annual ticket holders' Journey Club.

The club was launched last September and has 30,000 members. The competition is open to annual season ticket holders throughout the country, who apply for membership of the club. Ten annual seasons — with no limit on distance and value — will be awarded as prizes and a further 10 will be given away in a separate draw for the club's current members. Entry forms for the competition which consists of making up words from the letters that form the name of the club, are available at most stations. The competition closes on March 31, 1982.

The Journey Club was formed to encourage more commuters to buy annual season tickets. For a £2 joining fee, members are entitled to a range of cut price ticket offers, and to use their clubcard to buy half-price Awayday tickets for weekend and bank holiday travel.

Protection

Domestic thefts are now causing serious public concern, with almost 1,000 break-ins occurring every day and household burglary losses likely to total about £100m this year.

In an attempt to combat this problem the Prudential Assurance Company is sending out five million copies of "Protect and Prevent, a guide to safeguarding the family home and car, to its policyholders.

It gives advice on simple precautions to be taken by householders, outlines low-cost security gadgets and provides information about insuring house contents.

"Every 90 seconds a home is being burgled somewhere in Britain, the Pru's Norman King said.

"A lot of crime and fire prevention is common sence. We hope this pamphlet will succeed in getting his message home to our policyholders." Free copies of the pamphlet are available from the Pru.

Charge dropped

From April 1, the National Savings Bank will discontinue its 10p charge for Standing Orders from an Ordinary Account.

The service is open to anyone provided the individual Standing Orders are not more frequent than once a month and an adequate balance is kept in the account. Holders of Ordinary Accounts wishing to use this service should write to: Standing Order Section, National Savings Bank, Glasgow G58 1SB.

The Department for National Savings have also announced that the smallest amount that may be deposited in an Ordinary Account has been increased from 25p to £1

Chancellor may offer relief on stamp duty

About the only bright spot on an otherwise gloomy Budget horizon is the general feeling that the Chancellor will be obliged to bow to public pressure and reduce the now penal rates of stamp duty on house purchase.

To abolish stamp duty would cost an estimated £285m at present house price levels—small beer compared with the £1,760m the Chancellor will have to fork out if he index-links personal tax allowances to take account of the past 12 months inflation, of the colossal £4090m it will cost to index personal tax allowances for the full two-year period since they were last adjusted.

Abolishing, or reducing stamp duty on house purchase has the added attraction of being a cheap way of currying favour with the 5.5 million homebuyers, not to mention the millions of world-be house purchasers waiting to get a toe-hold on the home-owning ladder.

To increase the starting point by £5,000 to £25,000 will cost only £70 million in lost revenue and a £10,000 hike in the threshold puts up the cost to £120 million.

In November 1980, 35 per cent of all residential properties sold in England and Wales incurred stamp duty and in the GLC area the total was as high as 48 per cent of all transactions.

From a political viewpoint, reducing stamp duty has greater impact than, say, reducing basic rate tax. Stamp duty has to be found in cash and in a lump sum. Tax is generally paid in small weekly or monthly installments and the benefits of a reduction are not therefore as noticeable.

Similar considerations apply with mortgage interest relief. If the threshold for mortgage interest relief is raised from £25,000 to £37,500, the cost is estimated to be only £20m — but you have 5.5 million happier voters. And for an extra £5m you can more than double the threshold to nearly £70,000 — enough to give relief to all but the super-rich.

If the Chancellor wants to ensure that the average person is no longer subject to stamp duty when he buys a house, he will have to up the starting point by more than £5,000. The average home-buyer pays around £25,000 for his home so a £25,000 threshold will mean that during the course of the year most people will become liable if they move house. Stamp duty is particularly devastating because once you reach the starting point — currently £20,000, the tax is payable on the entire purchase price and not just that in excess of £20,000. At the moment anyone buying a £27,000 house will have to find £270 for stamp duty — in cash. Raising the threshold to £30,000 would disqualify most homebuyers from taxation.

Tax savings on mortgage interest relief are more difficult to calculate because there are many more variables — the size of your loan, your marginal rate of tax, and the length of time the loan has been in existence. It is worth noting, however, that the present threshold of £25,000 has not noticeably deterred homebuyers from trading up.

Lorna Bourke

Easy loans to help with improvements

Don't move — improve, has been the message to homebuyers during 1981. Even though grants from the local authorities are now hard to come by, the banks, building societies, finance companes and credit card companies are falling over themselves in their anxiety to lend; and this means that the money can be borrowed on very favourable terms. Moreover, providing that it is borrowed for the purchase or improvement of your own principal home (or that of a dependant relative), and that your total borrowings for this purpose do not exceed £25,000, you will be able to set off the interest charged against your taxable income, reducing the cost still further.

The discretionary grants that local authorities used to make available for items such as roof repairs, damp proofing, and the conversion of large houses for multiple occupation, are now very difficult to come by; and even where some inner city authorities, such as Liverpool, have continued to make some money available, their funds will almost certainly dry up completely because of government spending cuts.

By way of compensation, however, commercial loans are very readily available. Despite the Bank of England's recent warning to the banks (echoed by the Treasury in a letter to the building societies) about the iniquity of enabling house-owners to take out part of the equity they have built up in their homes, anyone who goes looking for loans for home improvements is likely to receive a cordial reception.

It makes sense, in the first instance, to go to the bank or building society from whom you borrowed in the first place, partly because you will probably be able to borrow there at a cheaper rate than elsewhere, partly because they are unlikely to require another full survey of the property (although they may want it revalued, at a nominal charge), and partly because the amount borrowed will almost certainly be added to your original mortgate to be repaid over the remaining term of the loan.

If you want to repay the debt over a shorter term (up to five years), you should try a finance house of one of the credit card companies (Access or Barclaycard).

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Money funds
Simco 7-day fund, 14.01 per cent; UDT Average Rate Deposit Fund, 14¾ per cent; Tyndall 7-day fund, 14 per cent; Simco dollar fund, 13.96 per cent; interest paid without deduction of tax. Further details from Simco (01-236 0233), Tyndall (0272-732241), UDT (scheme now closed to new investment).

National Savings Bank
Ordinary accounts — interest 5 per cent, first £70 of interest tax-free. Investment Account — *14 per cent, interest paid without deduction of tax, one month's notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £200,000. *Reducing to 13½ per cent on April 1.

National Savings index-linked certificates
Maximum investment £5,000, return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail prices index, 4 per cent bonus if held full five years to maturity. Cash value of £100 certificates purchased in February 1977, £187.81 including 4 per cent bonus.

National Savings certificates — 23rd issue
Return totally free of all taxes, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five year term of 10.5 per cent, maximum investment £5,000.

Guaranteed Income Bonds
Return paid net of basic rate tax, higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity. Two years, General Portfolio Life—10.5 per cent net—minimum investment £500. Three years, Lamont Life—11.5 per cent net. Four years, American Life, 13.00-14.5 per cent (dependent on age)—minimum investment £1,000. Five years, Pioneer Mutual—12.5 per cent net—minimum investment £500.

Building societies
Ordinary share accounts—9.75 pc. Term shares—1 to 5 years, between 0.5 pc and 2 pc over the BSA recommended ordinary share rate depending on the term. Regular savings schemes — 1.25 pc over BSA recommended ordinary share rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax, not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

Banks
Current account — no interest paid. Deposit accounts — Barclays, Midland, Lloyds, and Natwest 11 per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. For sums of £10,000 or more rate fixed for the term. Fixed-term deposits — 1 month 13 per cent, 3 and 6 months, 12¾ per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

Local authority yearling bonds
12-month fixed rate investments, interest 13¾ pc basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbrocker or bank.

Local authority town hall bonds
Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers). Best offers: 4-5 years, City of London 14¾ pc; 6-8 years, Knowsley 14¾ pc; 9 years, Reading 14½ pc; 10 years, Slough 14¾.
Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Finance Loans Bureau (01-828 7855, after 3 pm). See also on Prestel no 24808.

Finance for industry
Fixed-term, fixed-rate investments of between 3 and 10 years, interest paid half-yearly without deduction of tax: 3-4 years, 13¼ pc; 5-6 years, 13½ pc; 7 years, 13¾ pc; 8-9 years, 14 pc; 10 years, 14¼ pc. Further information from FFI 91 Waterloo Road, London SE1 (01-928 7822).

Finance house deposits (UDT)
Fixed-term, fixed-rate deposits, interest paid without deductions of tax. For sums of between £5,000 and £50,000: 6 months, 13¾ pc; 1 year, 13½ pc; 2 years, 13¾ pc.

Foreign currency deposits*
Interest paid without deduction of tax.

	1 day	7-days notice
US dollar (call)	11¾ pc	11⅞ pc
Yen (2 days)	3¼ pc	3¾ pc
D. Mark	6¾ pc	7 pc
French Franc	9¾ pc	10 pc
Swiss Franc	1 pc	1¼ pc

*Rates quoted by Midland Bank — other banks may differ.

Mortgage cut may be 1.5%

There are bargains to be found, if you look

Home loan rates could well come down to 13.5 per cent from their current level of 15 per cent if Abbey National, the second largest building society has its way.

Clive Thornton, chief general manager of Abbey National yesterday threatened to "go it alone" if other societies drag their feet.

The Building Societies Association Council meets on March 12, three days after the Budget, and a cut of at least one per cent was considered inevitable given recent bank base rate reductions and the Government's desire to bring down the cost of bu-ing a house.

a cut of 1.5 per cent in the mortgage rate to 13.5 per cent would bring down the cost of a £10,000 home loan over 25 years from £129 a month to £117.50 a month.

Raising the money to buy a house has never been so easy with banks, building societies and insurance companies falling over themselves to lend money.

Abbey National has just announced 100 per cent home loans of up to £35,000 (the limit was previously £20,000) and Lloyds Bank recently launched a massive campaign to publicize its 100 per cent home loans of up to £30,000 for first-time buyers.

The bewildered borrower can be forgiven for being slightly bemused by this rash of offers of 100 per cent finance for house purchase. Less that a year ago Lloyds Bank was telling customers that it never encouraged anyone to borrow 100 per cent of the purchase price of a property, and the building societies have always taken a similar line.

Nevertheless, Bristol and West is prepared to lend first-time buyers 100 per cent of the price of a house up to a limit of £25,000 while the small Hanley Economic Building Society is offering home loans at one per cent below the recommended building society rate of 15 per cent. Hanley's offer is for a limited period only and the rate is guaranteed to remain one per cent below the recommended rate until the end of February 1984.

There is no doubt that the consumer is currently benefitting from the fierce competition between the lending institutions and the rush to shower us with cash has taken much of the aggravation out of homebuying. The problem of affording the repayments remains.

The Ideal Home Exhibition gets under way in London next week, traditionally signalling the open season for house hunting, while "For Sale" notices have sprouted like forests and there are some bargains around. House prices have been virtually static for the past twelve months and although there is usually a seasonal upturn in the spring, no-one is predicting a massive rise. There is still too much property on the market, and estimates for 1982 put any increases at around five per cent.

With so many lenders in the market, terms, particularly the amount to be borrowed, can be negotiated — and it still pays to shop around. At the moment NatWest is offering the cheapest loans by a whisker, but the other banks will not allow this situation to persist for long.

In terms of cost it will probably make little difference where you go for a loan. The market is so cut-throat at the moment that no lender of any size can afford to be significantly more expensive than its competitors and interest charges will tend to fall into line.

But there can be significant differences in terms of service, or the amount the lender is prepared to advance. Abbey National pioneered the concept of making the society's property valuation available to the borrower and most large societies have now followed suit.

Abbey operate a seven-day mortgage offer system and has done away with some of the legal formalities where a property that is already mortgaged to the society is being bought. Solicitors will no longer be required to carry out further investigation of title.

By comparison, there have been isolated reports of delay and general chaos when raising a bank home loan, and some of the documentation, originally designed for commercial borrowers, is less than easy to understand.

For the self-employed, the most significant development has been the introduction of pension-linked home loans. They are particularly advantageous for higher rate taxpayers provided you expect to remain a higher rate taxpayer until retirement age.

For those paying tax at 50 per cent or more, the aftertax cost can be less than with a low-cost endowment scheme.

Alliance Building Society is the latest to announce a pension linked loan scheme though the idea was pioneered by the go-ahead Leamington Spa Building Society which arranged a tie-up with Scottish Provident, for borrowers taking out Scottish Provident pension plans.

Since then several other lenders have jumped on the bandwagon and pension-linked loans are now relatively freely available. Both Birmingham and Guardian Building Society have schemes which can be linked to any acceptable pension policy, while Barclays Bank is prepared to lend against policies taken out with its subsidiary, Barclays Life Assurance. Trustees Savings Bank is in the market too.

Eligibility is not entirely restricted to the self-employed. Anyone who is not in a company pension scheme can obtain tax relief on premiums paid to a self-employed pension scheme, and can therefore benefit from a pension-linked loan.

The details of these schemes are slightly more complex than the more familiar endowment linked loans and unless you are certain you understand everything, it will pay to take professional advice.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Equities remain firm

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, March 1. Dealings End, March 12. § Contango Day, March 15. Settlement Day, March 22.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS

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MEDIUMS

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COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

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1981/82 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
154	72	Marchwiel	128	• -2	9.4	7.4	7.7
145	106	Marks & Spencer	141	+1	5.8	4.1	19.2
51	33½	Marley Ltd	45	..	3.2	7.1	12.5
37	14½	Marling Ind	33	..	1.4	4.3	23.1
50	22	Marshall T Lox	47	..	4.0	8.4	4.2
48	21	Do A	44	..	4.0	9.0	3.9
330	178	Martin News	325	..	13.9	4.3	7.0
270	209	Martonair	221	..	10.9	4.9	12.9
74	48	Medminster	62	-4	5.3	8.5	6.7
250	140	Menzies J.	240	..	5.6	2.4	12.0
224	128	Metal Box	180	+6	16.5	9.2	15.8
125	100	Metal Bulletin	120	..	7.1	6.0	14.4
52¾	37¼	Metalrax	45	..	3.1	6.9	7.3

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1981/82 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
195	140	Syltone	193		13.9	6.7	21.4
28	15	TACE	18				
121	85	TSL Therm Synd	100	..	10.0b	10.0	12.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Takeda BDR	[illegible]	..	17.6	0.8	23.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Talbex Grp	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	..	..
448	316	Tarmac Ltd	448	+4	23.3	5.2	7.7
320	126	Tate & Lyle	203	..	16.4	8.1	5.0
607	441	Taylor Woodrow	540	-5	19.0	3.5	9.6
400	250	Telephone Rent	326	-2	14.6	4.5	16.2
71	48½	Tesco	57	+½	3.8	6.6	6.1

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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MISCELLANEOUS

1981/82 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Imp Cont Gas	178	-5	11.9	6.7	11.3
138	93	Milford Docks	142	-2	0.7	0.5	..
193	122	Nesco Inv	193	..	10.0	7.5	
33	28½	Sunderlnd Wtr	£31¼	•	500	16.0	

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) March 5	Market rates (close) March 5	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.8320-1.8420	$1.8380-1.8390	0.07-0.17c disc	0.42-0.53c disc
Montreal	$2.2260-2.2350	$2.2290-2.2300	0.35-0.45c disc	1.23-1.33c disc
Amsterdam	4.72-4.75fl	4.72¾-4.73¾fl	2¼-1¼c prem	5-4½c prem
Brussels	79.40-80.00f	79.60-79.70f	5 prem-5c disc	par-10c disc
Copenhagen	14.48-14.55k	14.49-14.50k	205-290ore disc	630-765ore disc
Dublin	1.2210-1.2260p	1.2220-1.2230p	55-70p disc	165-190p disc
Frankfurt	4.30-4.33m	4.30¾-4.31¾m	1½-1¼pf prem	4½-3⅞pf prem
Lisbon	126.50-127.50e	126.60-126.90e	50-180c disc	130-375c disc
Madrid	188.40-189.40p	188.75-188.95p	par-25c disc	70-100c disc
Milan	2320-2330lr	2327-2329lr	11-14lr disc	35-38lr disc
Oslo	10.91-10.98k	10.94-10.95k	90-5ore prem	50-180ore disc
Paris	11.01-11.07f	11.03-11.04f	½-1½c disc	5⅞-6⅞c disc
Stockholm	10.55½-10.58½k	10.56-10.57k	75-5ore prem	145-75ore prem
Tokyo	428-433y	430-431y	3.15-2.80y prem	7.55-7.25y prem
Vienna	30.20-30.40sch	30.25-30.30sch	18-15gro prem	37-31gro prem
Zurich	3.40-3.43f	3.40-3.41f	2¼-2¼c prem	5½-3¾c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was up 0.1 at 91.1.

Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 13½%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Weekend: High 13½ Low 13½
Week Fixed: 13½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	12¹⁵⁄₁₆	2 months	12¹³⁄₁₆
3 months	12⅞	3 months	12⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	13¹³⁄₃₂-13⅝	1 month	14¼
2 months	12²⁹⁄₃₂-12¹³⁄₁₆	2 months	14
3 months	12⅞-12¾	3 months	13½
6 months	12⅞-12¾	6 months	13⅜

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	14½-14¼	7 months	13¾-13½
2 months	14½-14¼	8 months	13¾-13½
3 months	14½-14¼	9 months	14-14¼
4 months	14¼-14	10 months	14-13¾
5 months	14-13¾	11 months	14-13¾
6 months	13⅞-13⅝	12 months	13¾-13½

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	13¹³⁄₁₆-13¹¹⁄₁₆	6 months	13⅝-13½
3 months	13⅞-13¹³⁄₁₆	12 months	13⅞-13⅞

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	14	3 months	13½
7 days	14½	6 months	13¾
1 month	13¾	1 year	13½

Interbank Market (%)

Weekend: Open 14½-14½ Close 14½

1 week	14½-14¼	6 months	13⅝-13½
1 month	14⅛-13¾	9 months	13⅞-13¾
3 months	13⅝-13½	12 months	13⅞-13⅝

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months 14 6 months 14

Finance House Base Rate 15%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£418m	allotted	£100m
Bids at	£96.88	received	100%
Last week	£96.87	received	53%
Average rate	12.4972%	Last week	12
Next week	£100m	replace	£100m

Other Markets

Australia	1.7080-1.7310
Bahrein	0.6885-0.6915
Finland	8.2605-8.3005
Greece	110.55-112.55
Hongkong	10.7055-10.7455
Iran	not available
Kuwait	0.5190-0.5220
Malaysia	4.2060-4.2360
Mexico	80.00-85.00
New Zealand	2.3185-2.3385
Saudi Arabia	6.2470-6.2770
Singapore	3.8345-3.8645
South Africa	1.7880-1.8030

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.5010-1.5030
† Canada	1.2130-1.2133
Netherlands	2.5720-2.5750
Belgium	43.25-43.30
Denmark	7.8750-7.8850
West Germany	2.3438-2.3448
Portugal	69.30-69.50
Spain	102.80-102.90
Italy	1263-1264
Norway	5.9450-5.9550
France	5.9920-5.9950
Sweden	5.7450-5.7550
Japan	233.90-234.10
Austria	16.44-16.46
Switzerland	1.8490-1.8510

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1 : US $0.8231-0.8234

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 12¾-13¾; seven days, 14⅝-14¾; one month, 14⅝-14⅝; three months, 14⅝-14¾; six months, 14⅜-14⅝.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $340 (an ounce). pm, $342.40 close, $342.25.
Krugerrand (per coin): $352-354 (£191.40-192.40).
Sovereigns (new): $83.5-84.5 (£45.40-45.90).

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RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
A and G Sec Elect 5p Ord (80a)	79
Amersham International 25p Ord (142)	191-2
Baillie Gifford Japan Trust 25p Ord (100)	73
City Site 25p Ord (35a)	30
Computer and Systems Eng 20p Ord (225)	298
Cussins Property Group 20p Ord (82)	85+1
Equipu 10p Ord (80a)	87
Exchequer 13¾% 'A' 1987 (j)	£22¾
Good Relations Group 10p Ord (61a)	73
Hardanger Properties 10p Ord (100a)	105+1
Hayters £1 Ord (150a)	160
Moray Firth Exp	85-5
Newmarket Co (1981) Ltd $0.05 (£3 06)	258-5
Nimsin Int $0.20 Ord ($4.25a)	328-7
Owners Abroad 10p Ord (10a)	24½+¼
Peek Holdings 7p Ord	13½
Saxon Oil 50p Ord (12½p paid)	43
Speyhawk 10p Ord (115)	136+2
Television South West 5p Ord	15
Treasury 3% 1987	£66¼+¼
Treasury 2½% Index Linked 2011 (†)	£98⅛

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Lovell Y. J. (220‡)	Mar 26	366+2
Smith St. Aubyn (35‡)	Mar 19	39-1

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a Unlisted Securities market. b £10 paid. f fully paid. g £40 paid. h £50 paid. i £35 paid. j £20 paid. k Issued in units of sixteen shares and £5 nominal loan stock at £9 per unit.

SPORT

FOOTBALL

Derby day guide to eight-horse race in FA Cup

Chelsea's dream tie is in danger of turning to nightmare

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Chelsea will be fighting two battles at Stamford Bridge this afternoon. One is off the pitch with their supporters, the other on it with Tottenham Hotspur. The attendance as well as the subsequent victory over Liverpool in the fifth round helped to rescue their debts of some £2m and today's tie is expected to attract an even bigger crowd, 45,000, and even larger receipts, £155,000.

Yet the trouble that broke out on the terraces three weeks ago has deterred some Spurs supporters who are understandably frightened of becoming involved in brawls. A thousand tickets have been returned and Chelsea, eager to keep the two groups of supporters segregated, will not sell them. Chelsea's supporters, therefore, have already cost the club much-needed money and the price for further misbehaviour will be more severe still.

The Football Association, who recently lifted the ban on Chelsea's supporters travelling to away games, would have no choice but to close part of, if not all, of Stamford Bridge. It is the tie of Chelsea's dreams but also the one they most feared. If only the few irresponsible idiots would care to consider the consequences before they throw the next missile or punch — but that seems sadly beyond their imagination.

The imagination of the Chelsea players need not be so wild. They know what it is like to emerge as underdogs. Againt Liverpool their plan was as simple as it was effective. Pates shadowed Souness, Droy held off Dalglish, Fillery controlled midfield and the rest, after Rhoades-Brown had made the crucial early breakthrough, contributed energetically to what was in the end a surprisingly comfortable triumph.

Pates may be given the same task and follow Hoddle, on whom the match rests, but, unless Rhoades-Brown has a similarly inspired opening, little else is likely to resemble the last round. Droy may not be there for a start. He has refused painkilling injections on his injured knee and will wait until the last minute before deciding on playing.

With Ardiles in opposition as well as Hazard — who is keen to keep his place for next Saturday's League Cup Final — Fillery would be foolish to expect such freedom again, nor should Chelsea expect Spurs to be wrapped in the lethargy that surrounded Liverpool. It is, after all, a local derby as well as the quarter-final.

Spurs, the favourites and holding on to hopes of two other trophies, will field the same side that took a two-goal lead over Eintracht Frankfurt in the Cup Winners' Cup on Wednesday. Falco, who replaced Crooks in the second half, and Roberts are the two outsiders in the squad.

CHELSEA: S Francis: (from) G Locke, C Hutchings, M Nutton, M Droy, J Bumstead, C Pates, G Chivers, M Fillery, I Britton, K Hales, A Mayes, C Walker, P Rhoades-Brown.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence: S Perryman, C Hughton, P Miller, P Price, O Ardiles, G Hoddle, M Hazard, G Crooks, S Archibald, A Galvin, M Falco, G Roberts.

Referee: G Courtney (Spennymoor, Co Durham)



Playing to the whistle: John Neal puts his men through their cup paces.

Southampton have nowhere to hide

By a Staff Reporter

The Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy, admitted yesterday that his side will have to start winning their away games if they are to take the championship for the first time.

Southampton have won only three out of 13 so far away from the Dell and Mr McMenemy said: "We have 14 matches left and even if we won our remaining six home fixtures that would not be enough.

"Our title challenge will stand or fall on what we do away and the games at Notts County tomorrow and Sunderland on Wednesday are not going to be easy.

"There is nowhere to hide. We can expect every side to raise its game, every match from now on is going to be a real test of character."

Notts County, after a shaky start in the first division, have settled comfortably into midtable and have scored 10 goals in their last three league outings. So, Southampton's defence can expect a searching examination.

Ipswich, fast using up the games in hand that made them strong title favourites a few weeks ago, will be unchanged against Everton at Portman Road, despite successive away defeats by Wolves and West Ham United.

Swansea, nine of whose 15 remaining games are at home, expect to have the strikers James and Curtis, fit for Stoke City's visit to the Vetch Field. Charles and Thompson are also available after missing last week's victory against Arsenal.

That has led to repercussions in the camp at Highbury. Nicholas, whose mistakes led to both Swansea goals, has been dropped for the match with Manchester City at Maine Road.

Paul Gorman, aged 18 from Dublin, is standing by for his first game and, with Vaessen also left out, Meade is likely to start the match as Sunderland's striking partner.

With Bond unfit, his father is spared a difficult selection decision, but City hope to have Trevor Francis back after his groin strain, suffered while playing for England.

Manchester United are unchanged for the visit to St Andrew's where Birmingham will be looking for their first win under Ron Saunders, who recalls Wealands to keep goal instead of Roger Jones. Stevenson, the midweek signing from Leeds, will be in defence.

Liverpool will expect to continue their climb towards the top of the table by beating Brighton who could be without goalkeeper Moseley, who has kept 13 clean sheets this season. His deputy Digweed has not played since the 3-3 draw between the clubs

Cash crisis claims new victims

By Norman Fox

From Middlesbrough to El Salvador, there were reports yesterday of football facing its financial crisis.

Middlesbrough atr to reduce their playing staff by about a third. Their manager, Bobby Murdoch, said yesterday he had prepared a list of 13 players who could be made available. The list will be examined by the board next week, when the financial situation of the club will again be discussed.

George Kitching, the chairman, said: "Every Football Leagus club is in the same boat. We are all having to take urgent economy measures."

Hereford United, will also announce their economy measures next week, when an accountant is expected to provide the board with his report.

Troubles in El Salvador have reduced the money available for the World Cup squad, which has been reduced to 18.

Blackpool, with debts of more than £500,000, are to consider an offer by a local businessman to take over. The anonymous potential purchaser has said he would want a free hand for three years.

The bidder wants to gain a controlling interest by buying shares at £1 each instead of the £5 at which they have been offered. He would become chief executive. The board will discuss the offer on Tuesday, but are expected to come forward with alternative plans.

● Gordon Taylor, secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association, points out that, contrary to agency information provided for our report yesterday, he did not say the dismissal of Mike Smith, the Hull City manager, in any way helped relations between the players and the club. Neither did he say it would help relations between his association and the Football League.

Mr Taylor's remarks were related to the fact that Hull were giving all players a free transfer.

Chesterfield resume at the top

By David Powell

Southend 0
Chesterfield 2

As Chesterfield moved up last night to head the third division for the ninth time this season, Southend United's captain, Stead, was left to reflect on two ghastly errors which cost his team a share of the points. Stead was twice dispossessed in positions dangerously close to his own goal and Henderson seized on both chances to end Chesterfield's sequence of four successive away defeats.

Southend signed Phillips from Northampton on Wednesday in the belief that a strengthened forward line would revive their flagging promotion challenge. However, even in these depressed times, £15,000 cannot buy exceptional talent of the kind Southend needto recover their place among the leaders.

If the seasiders were disappointed in Phillips on his first appearance then the new recruit has a right to feel thoroughly depressed at the way his colleagues performed. Phillips, at least, managed to find the crossbar with a chipped shot four minutes after the visitors had opened the scoring.

Chesterfield took the lead when Wilson won the ball from Stead and gave Henderson room to shoot low past Southend's advancing goalkeeper, Keeley. That goal gave spectators some return for their money on a night when highlights were few and far between.

Stead had only just begun to get over his first-half error when he commited another after 69 minutes. This time he lost the ball to Crawford and Henderson ran in to clip the ball past the disbelieving Keeley.

SOUTHEND UNITED: J Keeley, A Hadley, M Stead, G Pennyfather, A Moody, D Cusack, G Nelson, (sub, T Gray), S Phillips, D Spence, K Mercer, A Otulakowski.

CHESTERFIELD: J Turner, J Stirk, S O'Neill, D Wilson, W Green, J Ridley, G Salmons (sub, D Windridge), M Henderson, P Bonnyman, A Kowalski, A Crawford

Referee: D Reeves (Uxbridge).

TENNIS

Mottram on top in nasty weather

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Rome, March 5

Christopher Mottram put Britain ahead in their first round Davis Cup tie in Italy by beating Adriano Panatta 5-7, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 in three hours and five minutes here today.

Richard Lewis and Corrado Barazzutti were interrupted by rain for an hour and stood at 8-8 when play was suspended at twilight. That match will be completed before tomorrow's doubles.

This week, Mottram has been unable to retain solid food and today he was sick in the dressing room just before he went on court. This enhanced the merit of what was, in any case, an admirable match-winning performance, though the quality of his tennis was uneven. He stayed with Panatta at a time when the Italian was displaying the fluent, elegant craftmanship of an artist at work on a canvas.

The conditions were unpleasantly tricky. There was a late start after a night storm and the damp court made the balls heavy and discoloured. Moreover, the light, the wind, and the temperature were all fickle, with rapid variations between clouds and sunshine.

Mottram tended to hit short, presumably because he was wary of the wind. But the benefits of his busy tournament programme were apparent in his technical tidiness and concentrated good sense. In the first set Panatta had three break points for a 5-2 lead but Mottram won three consecutive games and at 5-4 had two set points against service. The full splendour of Panatta's game then wrapped up the set.

In the second set Panatta was twice a break up and he served for the set at 5-4, but his touch was faltering now, whereas Mottram was looking more at ease and reminding the public that drops and lobs are not exclusively Italian commodities. On a critical point he was footfaulted, which does not happen often in Italy, but his response was a run of four games overlapping the second and third sets. The only break in the third occurred when Mottram took charge during some gentle rain that must have made him feel at home.

There was an interval after that set but in the fourth, Mottram played his most commanding tennis match and soon found himself serving for a 5-1 lead. That eluded him and during this sixth game a brief fuss over a call kindled the public's eagerness to give Panatta as much help as they could. Panatta won three games out of four and with the crowd on his back Mottram was, for a time understandably edgy. Then he coolly finished a job that, after the second set, had always looked within his capacity.

The second singles was a wet, gloomy, spasmodic affair. Lewis rallied patiently and hoped his services and approach shots would be good enough to justify regular advances to the net. Sometimes they were and sometimes they were not.

OTHER CUP DETAILS: Christchurch: New Zealand lead Spain 2—0 (R Simpson beat J L Moreno [illegible]). [illegible] Jakarta: South Korea lead Indonesia 1—0. Prague: Czechoslovakia lead West Germany 1—0 (T Smid beat U Pinner [illegible]). Asuncion: Paraguay lead Ecuador 2—0 (V Pecci beat R Ycaza 6—1, 10—8, 8—1; F Gonzalez beat A Gomez 6—3, 14—12, 6—3; Romania lead Chile 1—0; Argentina lead France 1—0; Australia lead Mexico 1—0; Czechoslovakia lead West Germany 2—0.

Palace will not use pitch as excuse

By Stuart Jones

Steve Kember, Crystal Palace's caretaker manager, has already stated that he will not use the synthetic turf at Loftus Road as an excuse if his side goes down to Queens Park Rangers. Concern, though, will begin to spread around UEFA's headquarters as they see Rangers go down the road towards Wembley. They will have to consider the problems if Rangers win the competition and threaten to stage European ties on their artificial surface next season. At the moment special permission must be sought to do so.

Palace, clearly hoping to avoid the need for such excuses, have been practising on it all week. Murphy, suspended for two matches after being sent off at Charlton on February 6, is added to the team that was defeated at Rotherham last weekend. It includes Langley, who has recovered from a stomach strain, and Giles, transferred recently from Swansea City.

Surprisingly, Rangers still have 2,000 standing tickets for sale and they will be on offer at the ground from 9.0 this morning. Only Rangers supporters will be allowed to purchase them and Ron Phillips, their secretary, added that proof of such allegiance will be required. He did not specify, though, what evidence the aspiring applicants will need



Kember . . . his side have prepared on synthetic turf.

Terry Venables, the Rangers manager aiming to knock out his former club, has lost the services of Fenwick, who has a cracked cheekbone, but has gained those of Gregory, Gillard, Flanagan and Waddock remain doubtful

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: P Hucker: (from) W Neill, R Hazell, E Howe, G Roeder, I Gillard, G Micklewright, D Wilkins, A Currie, C Allen, S Stainrod, M Flanagan, J Gregory, W Fereday.

CRYSTAL PALACE: P Barron: (from) P Hinshelwood, D Boulter, D Giles, S Wicks, J Cannon, N Smillie, J Murphy, T Langley, K Mabbutt, V Hilaire, D Price, W Gilbert, S Brooks.

Referee: J Hunting (Leicester)

Turner saves himself for Wembley turn

By Norman Fox

Graham Turner, the 34-year-old player-manager of Shrewsbury Town, has sometimes joked that this season he is saving himself for Wembley. He has played only one full game because on an Achilles tendon injury but today he may lead his team against Leicester City at Filbert Street.

His only appearance was against Sheffield Wednesday this week. By all accounts he was a good influence on midfield, where the team has tended to be much less impressive than in their superb victory over Ipswich Town in the last round.

Shrewsbury's team selection depends on whether King, who was outstanding against Ipswich, recovers from a hamstring injury. Meanwhile Leicester's confidence is helped by being able to field an unchanged team for the sixth successive match.

With Shrewsbury unable to score in four successive matches since the fifth round of to win more than once away this season, Leicester are obvious favourites.

LEICESTER CITY: M Wallington: T Williams, P Friar, A Peake, L May, J O'Neill, S Lynex, G Lineker, A Young, I Wilson, E Kelly. Sub: J Melrose.

SHREWSBURY: R Wardle: (from) J King, C Leonard, J Keay, C Griffin, D Johnson, D Tong, I Atkins, G Turner, B McNally, C Bates, S Biggins, J Dungworth, S Cross.

Referee: D Richardson (Great Harwood, Blackburn)

West Bromwich time comes round again

By Stuart Jones

The only tie between first division clubs is hosted by West Bromwich Albion, the last Midland club to win the Cup. They face Coventry City, one of three clubs aiming to reach the semi-finals for the first time in their history. The others are Queen's Park Rangers and Shrewsbury Town. West Brom are looking for history to repeat itself. They triumphed in 1954 and 1968. Their time, they say, may have come round again.

Regis, who wrote a page in his own history book by gaining his first cap for England last month, could be the decisive figure at the Hawthorns today. He will resume his striking partnership with Brown, whose successful outing with the reserves in midweek was his first since West Brom beat Gillingham in the third round. Batson and Robertson are also fit to resume, but Whitehead and Jol are not.

Coventry's only doubt concerns Roberts while Jacobs awaits the late result of a fitness test. On League form Coventry would seem more than underdogs. They have not won any of their last 10 games but their performances in the Cup have been impressive. In disposing of Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester City and Oxford United, they have scored 10 goals.

Dave Sexton, their manager, said: "It might not be so bad that we are away. We seem to be a bit jittery at home these days. It could even be a good omen. On my two visits to Wembley, with Chelsea and Manchester United, we were drawn away in the quarter-finals both times."



Sexton: 'We seem to be a bit jittery at home these days'.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION: M Grew: (from) B Batson, D Statham, M Bennett, J Wile, A Robertson, A King, G Owen, C Regis, A Brown, S MacKenzie, N Cross, A Lewis

COVENTRY CITY: J Blyth: (from) D Thomas, B Roberts, D Barnes, G Francis, G Gillespie, ? Hagan, P Bodak, S Jacobs, M Hateley, G Thompson, S Hunt, P Dyson.

Referee: P N Willis (Meadowfield, Co Durham).

BUSINESS NEWS/COMPANIES AND MARKET REPORTS

WALL STREET

New York, March 5. — Stocks closed narrowly lower amid continuing concerns about the length and breadth of the recession. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 0.19 at 807.38 after falling as much as 4.47 earlier in the day.

Declines led advances by around 900 to 540 and volume narrowed to 68 million shares from 74.34 million yesterday.

Analysts said the rise in February unemployment to 8.8 per cent from 8.5 per cent the previous month heightened worries that the recovery will not start in the second quarter, as originally anticipated.

The market's decline was stemmed by projections that the money supply will fall from $1,000m to $4,000m.

	Mar 5	Mar 4
Allied Chem	34⅝	34½
Allied Stores	29	29¼
Allis Chalmers	12¾	12¾
Alcoa	24	24
Amax Inc	28¼	28½
Amerada Hess	16⅛	16¼
Am Airlines	13¾	13¾
Am Brands	40½	40¼
Am Broadcast	27⅝	27¾
Am Can	26¾	26¾
Am Cyanamid	25⅞	26
Am Elec Power	17¼	17¼
Am Home	34¼	34½
Am Motors	2⅝	2⅝
Am Nat Res	34¼	34⅛
Am Standard	25¼	25
Am Telephone	56¼	55⅞
AMF Inc	17⅛	17½
Armco Steel	22½	22½
Asarco	18¼	18¼
Ashland Oil	23½	23
Atlntic Richfield	33⅞	33¾
Avco	15	15
Avon Products	24½	24¾
Bankers Tst NY	34¼	33⅝
Bank of America	19⅛	19¼
Bank of NY	43⅝	44¼
Beatrice Foods	18¼	18⅞
Bendix	52⅞	52⅝
Bethlehem Steel	20	19¾
Boeing	18½	18½
Boise Cascade	27¼	26¾
Borden	31⅝	32
Borg-Warner	24	24
Bristol Myers	54	53¾
BP	20½	20½
Burlington Ind	19⅝	19½
Burlington Nthn	43⅝	44
Burroughs	33⅞	34½
Campbell Soup	29⅝	32⅜
Canadian Pacific	27	27
Caterpillar	48⅝	49¼
Celanese	52⅝	53
Central Sova	10⅜	10⅝
Chase Manhat	57⅝	58¼
Chem Bank NY	54¾	54¾
Chrysler	4½	4⅝
Citicorp	27⅝	27¼
Cities Service	26	26
Clark Equip	25	25⅜
Coca Cola	31⅜	30⅝
Colgate	18¼	18⅝
CBS	39⅝	40¼
Columbia Gas	30⅝	30
Combustion Eng	26	26¾
Comwlth Edison	21¼	21½
Cons Edison	35	35¼
Cons Foods	32½	33¼
Cons Power	17⅝	17⅝
Continental Grp	28⅝	28¾
Control Data	32¼	32⅞
Corning Glass	47⅝	47⅞
CPC Intnl	37⅜	38¼
Crane	26½	26¾
Crocker Int	25½	28
Crown Zeller	24½	25¾
Dart & Kraft	49¾	50
Deere	31¼	32
Delta Air	30½	30¾
Detroit Edison	12⅞	12¾
Disney	51⅞	52½
Dow Chemical	20⅝	20¾
Dresser Ind	22¾	24
Duke Power	23	22⅞
Du Pont	32¾	33
Eastern Air	6	6⅛
Eastman Kodak	68	68¾
Eaton Corp	28¼	28¾
El Paso Nat Gas	22½	22¾
Equitable Life	9½	9¾
Esmark	48⅞	50
Evans P. D.	17½	17½
Exxon Corp	27¾	27⅞
Fed Dept Stores	40½	41½
Firestone	10⅝	10¾
Fst Chicago	18¼	19¼
Fst Intrst Bncp	31	31¼

	Mar 5	Mar 4
Fst Nat Boston	41½	41¼
Fst Penn Corp	2¾	3⅛
Ford	20¾	20¾
GAF Corp	9¼	9⅞
Gen Dynamics	21½	23
Gen Electric	60⅛	60¼
Gen Foods	32⅝	33¼
Gen Mills	38⅝	37⅜
Gen Motors	38⅝	38¾
Gen Pub Util NY	5	5⅛
Gen Tel Elec	28⅝	29
Gen Tire	19⅝	19⅝
Genesco	4½	4⅝
Georgia Pacific	16⅞	17
Getty Oil	42⅞	43
Gillette	34	33⅞
Goodrich	19⅝	19⅝
Goodyear	21½	21¼
Gould Inc	30⅝	30½
Grace	35⅝	35⅝
Gt Atlc & Pacific	5	4½
Greyhound	14½	15
Grumman Corp	23⅛	23¼
Gulf Oil	28⅝	28⅝
Gulf & West	15⅛	15⅝
Heinz H. J.	29¼	30½
Hercules	19⅝	19½
Honeywell	73⅛	73⅝
IC Inds	22½	22⅝
Ingersoll	48	48¼
Inland Steel	22	20⅝
IBM	59¾	59¼
Int Harvester	5¼	4¾
INCO	13	13
Int Paper	34⅛	35¼
Int Tel Tel	25⅝	26⅛
Irving Bank	44⅝	45⅞
Jewel Co	30½	30¼
Jim Walter	17⅝	17⅛
Johnson & John	35⅞	35½
Kaiser Alumin	14⅝	14¾
Kerr McGee	28⅝	30
Kimberly Clark	60⅝	59¼
K Mart	18⅞	18¾
Kroger	28	28
L.T.V. Corp	13⅞	14¼
Litton	48⅝	50½
Lockheed	43⅞	46⅝
Lucky Stores	13⅞	13¾
Manuf Hanover	32⅝	32
Manville Cp	13⅛	13¾
Mapco	28⅝	28⅝
Marathon Oil	75	74½
Marine Midland	26⅞	25⅝
Martin Marietta	28⅛	28⅞
McDonnell	31	31
Mead	20⅛	20¼
Merck	72	71½
Minnesota Mng	54	54¼
Mobil Oil	21	21
Monsanto	62	62¼
Morgan J. P.	55⅞	55⅝
Motorola	53⅝	53⅞
NCR Corp	41⅛	42¼
NL Industries	29⅝	29¼
Nabisco	33¼	33¼
Nat Distillers	22	21¾
Nat Med Ent	13½	14
Nat Steel	20¾	20⅞
Norfolk West	44½	45⅝
NW Bancorp	21	21½
Norton Simon	20⅝	20⅝
Occidental Pet	19⅝	20⅛
Ogden	24½	24⅝
Olin Corp	19⅝	19⅝
Owens-Illinois	24⅛	23⅞
Pacific Gas Elec	22	22⅛
Pan Am	3	3⅛
Penney J. C.	32	32½
Pennzoil	40	38⅝
Pepsico	32	32
Pfizer	51⅛	52⅝
Phelps Dodge	23⅞	23⅞
Philip Morris	46⅝	46⅝
Phillips Petrol	28⅝	28⅞
Polaroid	18	18⅛
PPG Ind	30	30¼

	Mar 5	Mar 4
Proctor Gamble	83⅞	83¾
Pub Ser El & Gas	19⅞	19⅝
Raytheon	30⅝	31⅞
RCA Corp	18⅝	17⅞
Republic Steel	21⅞	21¼
Reynolds Ind	46⅝	46½
Reynolds Metal	19⅝	20¼
Rockwell Int	27⅝	27⅞
Royal Dutch	30	29¾
Safeways	29⅝	29½
St Regis Paper	26⅝	26⅝
Santa Fe Ind	14⅝	14½
SCM	21½	21⅞
Schlumberger	43⅝	43
Scott Paper	16⅞	17¼
Seagram	51½	51⅞
Sears Roebuck	18⅝	18⅝
Shell Oil	29⅝	30
Shell Trans	24⅛	24⅛
Signal Co	21½	21½
Singer	13⅝	13½
Sony	13⅝	13⅝
Sth Cal Edison	31	31⅞
Southern Pacific	32	31¾
Southern Rly	84¼	85
Sperry Corp	28½	28⅝
Std Oil Califnia	29½	29⅞
Std Oil Indiana	35⅛	34⅝
Std Oil Ohio	31⅝	31⅛
Sterling Drug	23½	23⅝
Stevens J. P.	13	13½
Sun Comp	29⅝	29⅝
Teledyne	120¼	121½
Tenneco	26½	25⅝
Texaco	29⅝	29⅝
Texas East Corp	39⅝	39⅞
Texas Inst	80	80½
Texas Utilities	20⅛	20¼
Textron	21⅛	21⅛
TWA	20	19⅝
Travelers Corp	49⅛	49⅛
TRW Inc	46½	46⅝
UAL Inc	19	18⅝
Union Carbide	43⅝	44⅛
Union Oil Calif	28½	28⅛
Un Pacific Corp	33¾	34
Uniroyal	7⅛	7⅛
United Brands	9⅛	9⅛
US Industries	8⅝	8⅝
US Steel	23⅝	23⅝
Utd Technol	33⅝	33⅞
Wachovia	22⅝	22¼
Warner Lambert	22⅛	23
Wells Fargo	23	23⅛
Westnghse Elec	22⅛	22⅝
Weyerhauser	26¼	26⅛
Whirlpool	29⅞	29⅝
Woolworth	17	17⅛
Xerox Corp	35⅜	35⅝
Zenith	12⅞	13⅛

Canadian Prices

	Mar 5	Mar 4
Abitibi	20	19¾
Alcan Alumin	23½	24¼
Algoma Steel	34⅛	34¼
Bell Telephone	18	17⅞
Cominco	47⅛	48⅝
Cons Bathurst	15	15
Gulf Oil	11½	13¼
Hawker/Sid Can	12½	12⅞
Hudson Bay Min	28	29
Hudson Bay Oil	46⅛	45⅝
Imasco	42⅝	42⅝
Imperial Oil	21¼	21¼
Int Pipe	14⅞	15
Mass-Fergsn	2⅝	2⅝
Royal Trust	13⅛	13⅝
Seagram	62⅛	62⅝
Steel Co	26⅝	26⅝
Thomson N 'A'	24¼	24¼
Walker Hiram	14⅛	14⅞
WCT	13⅛	13

*Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

R P MARTIN

Profits jump to £3.56m after merger

R P Martin, the money broker, sharply increased half year earnings after its merger with the German Bierbaum group, with pretax profits up from £705,000 to £3.56m in the six months to December.

As a result of the increase — which considerably exceeded City estimates — the half-time dividend is increased by 33 per cent to a record 5.18p.

Turnover for the period rose from £4.27m to £10.99m. In accordance with the accounting standard SSAP14 this and the profit figures only include the Bierbaum contribution form August 14, the date the merger became unconditional.

But the figures have not been adjusted to reflect the sale of R P Martin Leasing during the period to Mr Peter Jasilkowski, managing director.

Earnings per share have increased from 10.27p to 15.61p. The results reflect the immediate benefits of the merger to the enlarged group, according to Mr David LeRoy-Lewis, chairman.

The Bierbaum acquisition has meant that 75 per cent of the group's earnings now come from overseas against a pre-acquisition figure of 50 per cent.

STANDARD SECS

Going public

Standard Securities, a private property company based in the West End with a £30m portfolio, is set to go public, with an announcement in three weeks that it is to seek a full Stock Exchange quotation.

The group, headed by Mr Gerald Leigh, who is a director of Estates & Agency Holdings, has a predominantly office portfolio with a large retail element.

Norwich Union has had a 20 per cent stake in the group for several years, but the formal offer document will also show that another large slice of the equity has recently changed hands.

GRA

On course

After discharging more than £21m of debts in five years, GRA Property Trust, the greyhound racing concern, is well advanced in its plans to apply for its shares to be admitted to the official list of the Unlisted Securities Market, according to Mr Edward Aaronson, chairman.

Despite difficult trading conditions over the past two years, which saw pretax profits fall from £943,000 to £733,000 in the year to October, the company is well placed to take advantage of the upturn when it comes, Mr Aaronson says in the group's annual report.

A capital restructuring is planned to increase authorized share capital to £2.5m, and the company plans to change its name to the GRA Group.

LATEST RESULTS

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Alliance Trust (F)	—(—)	5.8a(5.6a)	11.6(11.2)	8(7.25)	23/4	11.2(10.5)
Ault & Wiborg (F)	54.8(53.36)	0.12(1.17)	0.11(5.59)	0.7(1.05)	28/5	1.25(1.8)
Bolton Textile (I)	5.5(5.1)	0.065(0.1c)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(0.5)
R. P. Martin (I)	10.9(4.27)	3.56(0.7)	15.61(10.27)	3.6(2.7)	24/4	—(8.25)
Metal Prods (I)	1.49(1.91)	0.025c(0.096)	0.83c(1.0)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Romai Tea (F)	2.45(2.42)	0.34(0.48)	41.38(45.36)	22.5(22.5)	1/4	22.5(22.5)
Ruo Estates (F)	1.45(1.22)	0.13(0.13)	6.2(7.4)	2(1)	—	2(1)
Solus (I)	3.47(2.75)	0.09c(0.08c)	—(—)	0.5(0.5)	2/4	—(1.2)
Williamson Tea (F)	26.1(22.8)	2.45(3.95)	24.13(37.23)	12.5(12.5)	1/4	12.5(12.5)
W. & C. Properties (I)	1.53(1.39)	0.21(0.17)	5.6(5.3)	2(1.25)	30/4	—(4.0)
Yorkgreen Inv (F)	1.58b(0.757)	0.17b(0.12)	2.97(1.88)	0.2b(0.4)	—	0.65b(0.4)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net. a Net revenue available to ordinary stockholders; b For 18 months; c Loss.

BIDS AND DEALS

Agil Holdings, a subsidiary of AAA Industries has agreed to sell Curtagil, its cutting oil business, to Mr D. A. J. Doyle, a former director of Agil and AAA, for £133,550 cash.

AAA has agreed to purchase Mr Doyle's shareholding in Agil together with the benefit of his option to purchase shares in Agil, for £125,000 cash.

ICI fibres, through Leighton Goldhill, has sold a 22-acre industrial site at Pontypool, Gwent, to the Welsh Development Agency.

The agency acquired the freehold, some 12 miles north of Newport, for £250,000 and will add it to its land bank.

Jayplant has acquired from the receiver of Fenway Holdings the name and goodwill of Bristol Fork Lift Hire together with a number of contracts that extend for periods up to two years for the hire of fork lift trucks for a total of £20,000 cash.

OVERSEAS COMPANIES

Massey-Ferguson, the troubled Canadian tractor and agricultural machinery maker, lost US $73.5m (40.8m) in the first quarter to the end of January. The loss for the same period last year was $81.4m. Massey said this year's first-quarter loss included a provision of $10.4m for "unusual costs" and an exchange loss of $8.4m. Sales totalled $481m compared with $532m.

Correction

In our report on Mitchell Cotts' half-time profits on Thursday we incorrectly stated that the freight forwarding company Bruda International was South African. It is a United Kingdom company.

COMMODITIES

COPPER: Higher grade copper was steady. — Afternoon. — Higher grade cash. £839.50-840.00: three months, £867.50-868.00. Sales: 13,650 tonnes. Cash standard cathodes, £836.50-837.50: three months, £863.50-864.50. Sales: nil tonnes. Morning. — Higher grade cash, £843-44.00, three months, £871-71.50. Settlement, £844.00. Sales: 16,175 tonnes. Cash standard cathodes, £841-42.00, three months, £867-67.50. Settlement, £842.00. Sales: 125 tonnes.

TIN: Standard tin was barely steady at the close. Afternoon. — Standard cash, £7000-7020 a tonne: three months, £7250-£7255. Sales, 2,035 tonnes. High grade, cash £7000-7030: three months £7230-7235. Sales, Nil tonnes. Morning. — Standard cash £7030-55: three months £7270-75. Settlement, £7035. Sales, 1,045 tonnes. High grade, cash £7030-35: three months, £7270-75. Settlement, £7035. Sales, Nil tonnes. Singapore tin ex-works, $M30.29 a picul.

LEAD was steady. Afternoon. — Cash £349-350 per tonne: three months £357-357.50. Sales, 13,375 tonnes. Morning. — Cash £349.50-50.00: three months £357-57.50. Settlement £350. Sales, 14,750 tonnes.

PLATINUM was at £178.90 ($328.75) a troy ounce.

SILVER was steady at the lower levels. — Bullion market (fixing levels). — Spot, 409.70p per troy ounce (United States-cents equivalent, 754.00; three months, 422.50p (779.20c); six months, 435.00p (804.70c); one year, 460.05p (855.50c). London Metal Exchange. — Afternoon. — Cash 408.5-409.5p; three months, 422-422.3p. Sales, 54 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning. — Cash, 409-409.5p; three months, 421-22.0p. Settlement, 409.5p. Sales, 66 lots.

ALUMINIUM was steady. — Afternoon. — Cash: £576-577 per tonne: three months £598-599. Sales: 1,975 tonnes. Morning. — Cash £576-77.00: three months £598-98.50. Settlement, £577.00. Sales, 2,900 tonnes.

NICKEL was steady. — Afternoon. — Cash £3,055-3,060 per tonne: three months £3,080-3,085. Sales, 114 tonnes. Morning. — Cash £3,060-65: three months £3,085-90. Settlement, £3,065. Sales, 204 tonnes.

ZINC was steady. — Afternoon. — Cash £442.50-443.50 per tonne; three months £450-450.50. Sales, 2,950 tonnes. Morning. — Cash £442-44.00: three months £450-50.50. Settlement, £444.00. Sales, 5,025 tonnes.

COCOA (£ per metric ton): March 1,185-1,190; May 1,155-1,156; July 1,174-1,175; Sep 1,189-1,190; Dec 1,206-1,207; March 1,224-1,227; May 1,236-1,241. Sales: 2,500 lots. ICCO prices: daily (March 4), 94.05 c; indicator price (March 5), 5-day average, 92.97 c; (US cents per lb).

COFFEE. — ROBUSTAS (£ per tonne): March 1,455-1,456; May 1,323-1,324; July 1,258-1,260; Sep 1,219-1,221; Nov 1,204-1,205; Jan 1,194-1,195, March 1,185-1,190. Sales: 4,401 lots, including 205 options.

SUGAR. — The London daily price of "raws" was unchanged at £155; the "whites" price was £1.00 higher at £167.50. Futures (£ per tonne): May 161.60-161.66; Aug 164.15-164.25; Oct 167.60-167.75; Jan 168.00-169.25; March 173.05-173.25, May 175.00-176.00; Aug 178.50-179.00. Sales: 3,148 lots. ISA prices (March 4): daily, 11.82c; 15-day average, 12.75c.

GRAIN. (The Baltic). WHEAT. — Canadian western red spring, No 1, 13½ p. unquoted. US dark northern spring: No 1: 14 per cent afloat £120; April, £110.75; May, £110 trans-shipment east coast seller. US hard winter 13½ per cent; March, £116.50 trans-shipment east coast quoted. EEC unquoted. English feed fob: March, £115.50 east coast; June, £120.50 east coast; Oct-Dec, £114 east coast sellers.

BARLEY. — English feed fob: March, £112; April-June, £115.25 east coast seller. All cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta) EEC origin.

BARLEY: March, £106.80; May, £110.65; Sept, £102.55; Nov, £106.15; Jan, £110.00. Sales: 31 lots.

WHEAT: March, £112.00; May, £115.60; July, £119.40; Sept, £106.80; Nov, £110.40; Jan, £114.25. Sales: 109 lots.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	13½%
Barclays	13½%
BCCI	13½%
Consolidated Crds.	13½%
C. Hoare & Co	*13½%
Lloyds Bank	13½%
Midland Bank	13½%
Nat Westminster	13½%
TSB	13½%
Williams & Glyn's	13½%

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000 11%, £10,000 up to £50,000 11½%, £50,000 and over 12½%.

The Over-the-Counter Market

1981/82 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E Actual	P/E Fully Taxed
125	100	Ass Brit Ind CULS	125	—	10.0	8.0	—	—
75	62	Airsprung Group	72	—	4.7	6.5	11.4	15.8
51	33	Armitage & Rhodes	45	—	4.3	9.6	3.8	8.5
205	187	Bardon Hill	198	—	9.7	4.4	9.6	11.7
105	100	CCL 11% Conv Pref	105	—	15.7	15.0	—	—
104	66	Deborah Services	66	-1	6.0	9.1	3.3	6.2
131	97	Frank Horsell	130	—	6.4	4.9	11.7	24.1
83	39	Frederick Parker	81	—	6.4	7.9	4.1	7.9
78	46	George Blair	52	—	—	—	—	—
102	93	Ind Pref Castings	95	—	7.3	7.7	6.8	10.3
106	100	Isis Conv Pref	106	—	15.7	14.8	—	—
113	94	Jackson Group	96	—	7.0	7.3	3.0	6.8
130	108	James Burrough	112	—	8.7	7.8	8.2	10.3
334	248	Robert Jenkins	250	—	31.3	12.5	3.5	8.8
61	51	Scruttons "A"	61	—	5.3	8.7	9.4	8.7
222	159	Torday & Carlisle	159	—	10.7	6.7	5.1	9.5
15	10	Twinlock Ord	13½	—	—	—	—	—
80	66	Twinlock 15% ULS	78	—	15.0	19.2	—	—
44	25	Unilock Holdings	25	—	3.0	12.0	4.5	7.6
103	73	Walter Alexander	77	—	6.4	8.3	5.1	9.0
263	212	W. S. Yeates	225	-1	13.1	5.8	4.3	8.7

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RUGBY UNION

Players must let the sun shine in

By Nicholas Keith

The spring sunshine in London yesterday raised hopes for the international between England and Wales at Twickenham today. Although the Meteorological Office were forecasting "cloud and outbreaks of rain" for this afternoon, rugby followers everywhere will pray that the players' dispositions remain sunny.

It is painful to have to recall the dark deeds of 1980 when Paul Ringer was sent off and England crept stealthily to an inglorious 9—8 victory against 14 men. The match left feelings of revulsion in a million or more stomachs and, sadly, the bitterness among the players was still apparent in last year's fixture.

Most of the brickbats were hurled at Wales but England were far from angelic. No one should need reminding that the good name of rugby is at stake today, when pride and passion must be tempered with strict discipline.

England have an appalling record against Wales in the past 20 years. Since the pointless draw in 1962, they have won only twice. Both these victories were at Twickenham, in 1974 and 1980. Even the 16—12 win eight years ago was flawed, because J. J. Williams had a "try" disallowed by the referee, John West. So the English are badly in need of a clear-cut win to heal old sores, real and imagined.

If England win, Ireland will be crowned five nations champions for the first time since 1974 and the ninth time in all. Wales could still share the title by beating England and Scotland, if Ireland go down in Paris.

Wales may rely on a tight 10-man game, playing to the strength of their redoubtable half-backs, Terry Holmes and Gareth Davies.

In training England have been working on providing good, quick possession for their three-quarters, who have hardly been seen at their best this season. The defence at close quarters of the young flankers, Nick Jeavons and Peter Winterbottom, will be tested by the bulldozing Holmes.

Winterbottom has been the revelation of the season. He seems to go from strength to strength and two weeks ago in Paris, he popped up everywhere: but the whole pack played superbly. John Scott was not given enough time to recover from injury when he was called up against Ireland; but against France he showed how important he is to England when fully fit.

Familiarity will breed nothing but respect between two vastly experienced front rows. Colin Smart celebrated his 32nd birthday yesterday—not, it is to be hoped, with after-shave—to bring the combined ages of the England front row to 96. It will not be much of a treat to prop against Graham Price today. In the second row there should be a keen confrontation between two ambitious locks, Steve Bainbridge and Richard Moriarty.

There was a twinge of worry for England at training yesterday when Jeavons complained of hamstring problems, but he came through rigorous tests by Don Gatherer, the team's physiotherapist. Steve Smith confirmed his recovery from an Achilles tendon injury and is fit to claim a record 25th cap for an England scrum half (previously held by Dick Jeeps, now chairman of the Sports Council).

Bainbridge : pondering a confrontation with Moriarty.

Today's teams at Twickenham

England			Wales	
W. H. Hare (Leicester)	15	Full back	G. Evans (Maesteg)	15
J. Carleton (Orrell)	14	Right wing	R. A. Ackerman (Newport)	14
C. R. Woodward (Leicester)	13	Right centre	R. W. R. Gravell (Llanelli)	13
P. W. Dodge (Leicester)	12	Left centre	A. J. Donovan (Swansea)	12
M. C. Slemen (Liverpool)	11	Left wing	C. F. W. Rees (London Welsh)	11
L. Cusworth (Leicester)	10	Stand-off	W. G. Davies* (Cardiff)	10
S. J. Smith* (Sale)	9	Scrum half	T. D. Holmes (Cardiff)	9
C. Smart (Newport)	1	Prop	I. Stephens (Bridgend)	1
P. J. Wheeler (Leicester)	2	Hooker	A. J. Phillips (Cardiff)	2
P. J. Blakeway (Gloucester)	3	Prop	G. Price (Pontypool)	3
N. C. Jeavons (Moseley)	6	Flanker	R. C. Burgess (Ebbw Vale)	6
M. J. Colclough (Angoulême)	4	Lock	S. Sutton (Pontypool)	4
S. Bainbridge (Gosforth)	5	Lock	R. D. Moriarty (Swansea)	5
P. J. Winterbottom (Headingley)	7	Flanker	J. R. Lewis (Cardiff)	7
J. P. Scott (Cardiff)	8	No. 8	J. Squire (Pontypool)	8

* Captain

Referee: F. Palmade (France)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 N C Stringer (Wasps); 17 G H Davies (Cambridge University); 18 N D Melville (Wasps); 19 G S Pearce (Northampton); 20 S. G F Mills (Gloucester); 21 R Hesford (Bristol).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 M Wyatt (Swansea); 17 M Dacey (Swansea); 18 G Williams (Bridgend); 19 C Williams (Swansea); 20 W James (Aberavon); 21 R Norster (Cardiff).

Today's teams at Murrayfield

Scotland			France	
A. R. Irvine* (Heriot's)	15	Full back	M. Sallefranque (Dax)	15
K. W. Robertson (Melrose)	14	Right wing	S. Blanco (Biarritz)	14
J. M. Renwick (Hawick)	13	Right centre	P. Perrier (Bayonne)	13
D. I. Johnston (Watsonians)	12	Left centre	C. Belascain (Bayonne)	12
G. R. T. Baird (Kelso)	11	Left wing	L. Pardo (Bayonne)	11
J. Y. Rutherford (Selkirk)	10	Stand-off	J.-P. Lescarboura (Dax)	10
R. J. Laidlaw (Jedforest)	9	Scrum half	G. Martinez (Toulouse)	9
J. Aitken (Gala)	1	Prop	M. Cremaschi (Lourdes)	1
C. T. Deans (Hawick)	2	Hooker	P. Dintrans (Tarbes)	2
I. G. Milne (Heriot's)	3	Prop	D. Dubroca (Agen)	3
J. H. Calder (Stewart's Melville FP)	6	Flanker	J.-P. Rives* (Toulouse)	6
W. Cuthbertson (Kilmarnock)	4	Lock	D. Revallier (Graulhet)	4
A. J. Tomes (Hawick)	5	Lock	L. Rodriguez (Mont-de-Marsan)	5
D. B. White (Gala)	7	Flanker	J.-L. Joinel (Brive)	7
I. A. M. Paxton (Selkirk)	8	No. 8	M. Carpentier (Lourdes)	8

* Captain

Referee: J. A. F. Trigg (England)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 G M McGuinness (West of Scotland); 17 R Cunningham (Bath); 18 G Dickson (Gala); 19 I G Hunter (Selkirk); 20 B M Gossman (West of Scotland); 21 B H Hay (Boroughmuir).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 B Herrero (Nice); 17 R Paparemborde (Pau); 18 E Buchet (Nice); 19 P Berbizier (Lourdes); 20 P Mesny (Grenoble); 21 S Gabernet (Toulouse).

An occasion when pride, not fame, is the spur

By David Hands

Pride is a strong motivating force and it should be at work in Edinburgh today when Scotland and France meet for the fifty-second time. Neither country has an interest in the topmost branches of the international championship tree this season but they will both be keen to avoid the dead wood near the bottom, particularly France who, at this time last year, were approaching their grand slam.

But the pride concerned today is of a more individual nature. Having done so much groundwork before the end of last year, Scotland have barely left the runway this season; the hints of promise shown against England never materialized in a lacklustre display against the Irish in Dublin and the forwards, I am sure, will not let themselves down twice running.

Moreover they will want to release the best of a back division which, given the right circumstances, could be as devastating as any in the championship. Renwick, Robertson and Irvine can all be lethal in broken play and the more youthful promise of Baird and Johnston will not be slow to follow suit. Poor Baird will be glad to receive just a pass or two, I am sure.

Rutherford, too, will be keen to put behind him memories of an indifferent season though he and Laidlaw have not always been blessed with the best of possession. It is interesting to reflect that Rutherford wins his eighteenth cap today and therefore joins Gordon Waddell as his country's most capped stand-off. Waddell set the mark in 1962 while Scotland's most-capped scrum half remains J. B. Nelson who played between 1925-31; perhaps there is a message there, that Scotland have had almost as much difficulty as England in finding settled half backs.

Scotland's one change is among the forwards, where Derek White of Gala wins his first cap. His inclusion, not unexpected after doing well for his club against Hawick last weekend, increases Scotland's lineout potential since he has frequently played lock and No 8 for Gala. White toured New Zealand with the Scots last summer but a bad leg injury while there set him back: however, he has climbed back up the ladder, via the B team. The same cannot be said of Tom Smith, the basketball-playing Gala lock who was shaping well for a cap last season but whose challenge was beaten off by Tomes last weekend.

For the French, of course, the season has been an unmitigated disaster. Their introduction of a primarily Basque back division of considerable potential has not come off because the forwards have failed to win them any decent ball. Whether the restoration of Revallier and Cremaschi will help in this respect will be seen today but at 33, Revallier's international future is not likely to be long.

The height and mobility of their bevy of No 8s has earned them little so far but if they are caught up in a loose game, as today's may well be, perhaps Rodriguez and Carpentier will come into their own. Indeed, there seems little reason why today's game should not be a free-flowing affair, equalling in excitement that at Murrayfield two years ago when Irvine inspired a remarkable comeback and a 22-14 win for Scotland.

The weather in Edinburgh has been windy this week but yesterday was fine and warm; should it stay the same and the wind holds off both teams should feel sufficiently uninhibited to play an adventurous game. Scotland, who were overtaken during the 1970s, can pull back to 25 each in the series between the countries and, since they have not lost at home in their last five matches, I expect them to do so.

The game will be refereed by Tony Trigg (London Society), his first international. He replaces Alan Welsby (Manchester), who damaged an ankle last weekend and will run the line instead.

ATHLETICS

History and an injury are against Goater

By Norman Fox, Athletics Correspondent

Julian Goater, the Royal Air Force flight lieutenant who won last year's English Cross-Country championship in the heavy mud at Parliament Hill Fields is unlikely to leave his rivals as far behind in this year's championship at Roundhay Park, Leeds today (3.20).

Once they have extricated themselves from the mass of nearly 2,000 runners in this Provincial Insurance Company sponsored race, Goater and Mike McLeod, the 30-year-old Elswick Harrier, should be at the head. On his mid-winter form, McLeod ought to win and later lead the English team of 10 in the world championships to be held on March 21 in Rome.

Goater has had a knee injury but McLeod is satisfied with his period of training since winning the International Athletes' Club race in the snow at Crystal Palace last December. Since then he has had an easy victory in Ireland. He said yesterday the nine-mile course with only one hill could suit other runners but added: "I have a good chance but Julian Goater, Steve Jones and Dave Clarke could be the big threats to me".

Goater won last year's race by nearly two minutes but he admits that his preparations have not brought him to a peak. He won the RAF title but was only fourth to Jones in the inter-services race. History is also against him. No athlete has retained the national title since Mel Batty in 1965.

Dave Moorcroft, who last year struggled through the field to finish fourth after confusion at the start, has returned from New Zealand but has a stomach upset. The Commonwealth Games 1,500 metres champion will not decide whether to run until just before the start.

The fine record of British athletes in the International Amateur Athletic Association's Golden events could be maintained today. While McLeod, who won last season's Golden 10,000 metres, tackles the cold of Yorkshire, Nick Brawn competes against most of the world's best marathon runners in Greece. The IAAF Citizen Golden Marathon is to be held on Sunday over a difficult course from the town of Marathon to the Olympic Stadium in Athens.

A sign of the rapidly growing interest in marathon running is the screening of the race live on local television. Not that the viewers are likely to see a world best time. The course, which will be used for the European championship marathon next summer, has a long uphill section near the end, but the favourite, Kunimitsu Itoh, of Japan, expects to break Bill Adcocks's course record of 2 hr 11 min 7 sec.

Holtom's medal mission

From Michael Coleman
Milan, March 5

Influenza has removed five leading Russians from the European indoor championships here this weekend, easing the way for Mark Holtom in the 60m hurdle and Paula Fudge in the 3,000m. Several big names are absent for other reasons, but there will still be plenty of leading athletes in action.

Holtom, for instance, though no doubt relieved not to have Andrey Prokofyev, who has run 7.61 sec. around, still has another Russian, Yuri Chervanyev (7.76 sec) and Arto Bryggare of Finland, to contend with. Holtom, who ran a time of 7.78 sec against the East Germans recently, will do well to get among the medals.

The same applies to Miss Fudge in the 3,000m, which is being introduced in these championships tonight. The absence of the sick Tatyana Sychova, who has run 8 min 53.04 sec, will mean a slower race, but Miss Fudge will have to contend with Agnese Possamai, who has a best time of 9 min 1.23 sec and could win Italy their first title in the 20,000-capacity Palmazzo dello Sport.

The big names from Poland—Woronin, Kozakiewicz, Januchta and Rabsztyn—are all competing, and although East Germany have only 12 competitors here, they are of the usual quality.

Britain's most likely medal winner is Harry King in the short sprint. He is eager to show he really did go under 6.70 sec in the recent Cosford fiasco and has the ability to surprise the favourite, Christian Haas of West Germany.

HOCKEY

Race to the top is on

By Sydney Friskin

With the domestic hockey season drawing to a close the race is on for the top positions in various leagues. Isca meet Bristol today in a match which will decide the premier division of the West League, sponsored by Sun Life, Isca needing but one point to keep a title they have always won.

No club could await the outcome of this match with greater interest than Brean. If Isca lose Brean will become champions. The chances of a Bristol victory have receded with the withdrawal of Graham Hawkins, one of their best players, who has an ankle injury, but one of Bristol's best-known advantages is their difficult pitch at Failand on which visiting sides usually struggle to win.

The odds must favour Isca to win despite their setback in the second round of the national championship when they lost 5—0 at home to Slough. Their side includes some experienced campaigners such as Underhill and the brothers Andy and Mike Harris.

In the first round of the national club championship Bromley went to St Albans and beat them 2—1. Today Bromley are at home to St Albans in the London League for a match that is more crucial to Bromley, who are trying to get into the top 10 for next season's premier league. Bromley are eleventh on the table and a win should put them above Hampstead, who have a formidable task away at Slough, whose 100 per cent record seems likely to remain intact.

Both Bromley's goals against St Albans, who are sixth on the table, were scored by Watson from typical right-wing centres. Coombes, having surrendered his position at centre link to Peter Jacobs, may play at inside right, in which case Johnson could move to outside right and continue the good work he has been doing.

Two hard games against Beckenham and Guildford will complete the season's programme for Bromley, who lost four easy matches because of the weather and will need to fight for survival. Meanwhile at the top of the table Slough and Southgate have easy matches. But Teddington and Guildford will have to fight to stay third and fourth respectively.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

RUGBY UNION: Scottish Universities 18, French Universities 3?; Edinburgh University 10, Waseda University (Tokyo) 20; London University 22, Welsh Universities 0.

GOLF

Nicklaus puts his theory to work

From Mitchell Platts
Orlando, March 5

Jack Nicklaus insists that he is playing better than ever this season and his second round of 67—four under par—in the £150,000 Bay Hill Classic here in Florida today provided further evidence to suggest that he might be right.

In spite of believing that something was amiss with his swing, he produced a near faultless round early in the day with which to earn a share of the halfway lead with Craig Stadler (70). Scott Hoch and Mike Soli, the surprise first-round front runners, were out later in the day after a one-hour delay because of dense fog.

Nicklaus, who finished second and third in his first two tournaments of this year, is convinced that he is a more complete player because of a much improved short game, which is the result of a series of lessons from Phil Rodgers.

He admits that it is not perfect at the moment but from the very first hole, where he pitched to within a foot for a birdie four, he set about illustrating that he is certainly more confident around the green.

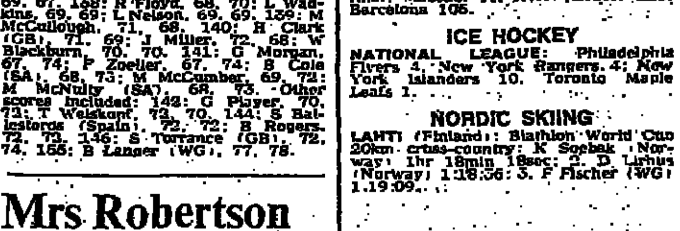
The best early news from European point of view came from Howard Clarke. He compiled a 69 for a 36-hole aggregate of 140, four shots behind Nicklaus and Stadler, and with that he knew that he had safely survived the halfway cut.

Clarke played in America three years ago when he twice moved into contention, but he was unable to cope with the pressure and fell back through the fields. Today, however, his game was full of authority and apart from the four birdies that he collected, Clarke also produced some superb approach shots.

There was no such good fortune for Sam Torrance. At the semi-circular sixth hole, he was twice in the water and took eight. He finished with a 74 and a score of 146, which looked unlikely to make the cut.

Severiano Ballesteros, of Spain, took seven at the same hole. He finished in 72 for a score of 144. Bernhard Langer drove erratically in a 78 for a score of 155.

SECOND ROUND: Leading scores: 136: C Stadler, 66, 70; J Nicklaus, 69, 67. 138: R Floyd, 68, 70; L Wadkins, 69, 69; L Nelson, 69, 69. 139: M McCullough, 71, 68. 140: H Clark (GB), 71, 69; J Miller, 72, 68; W Blackburn, 70, 70. 141: G Morgan, 67, 74; F Zoeller, 67, 74; B Cole (SA), 68, 73; M McCumber, 69, 72; M McNulty (SA), 68, 73. Other scores included: 142: G Player, 70, 72; T Weiskopf, 72, 70. 144: S Ballesteros (Spain), 72, 72; B Rogers, 72, 72. 146: S Torrance (GB), 72, 74. 155: B Langer (WG), 77, 78.



Mrs Robertson swept aside

Having defeated a young American, Kimberley Gardiner, at the 23rd hole in the morning, Belle Robertson of Scotland failed to make the last eight of the Spanish women's championship at Santa Ponsa when she lost on the 17th green to Cecilia Morgue d'Algue of France, Lewine Mair writes.

On a day of high winds which reminded Mrs Robertson of "Troon at its worst", three members of the 1982 British training squad survived to play in today's quarter-finals—Mary McKenna and Claire Hourihane of Ireland, and Vicki Thomas of Wales.

Miss McKenna, who yesterday accounted for Beverley New of England, meets Manuella Braito of Italy. Miss Hourihane is up against the formidable Marie de Lorenzi and Mrs. Thomas has as her opponent Carmen Maestre of Spain.

HANG GLIDING

Britons want to make right kind of impact

By Norman Fox

People who fall out of the sky tend to attract publicity. The early enthusiasts of hang gliding felt it unfair, that the press seemed unable to appreciate the joy as well as the anger of the turbulent thermals.

Yesterday the British Hang Gliding Association invited Fleet Street to meet them and they easily persuaded an audience of two that the sport was about to make an "impact". Understandably in the circumstances, they were still irritated that the press only wanted to know them when one of their number made an impact on some hillside or cliff face.

The purpose of the association's conference in London was to announce their British open championship at the Isle of Wight during the Shanklin Festival between April 24 and May 2. Tempting providence, the organizers have called an event depending so much on updraught, the "Foster's Draught Open" because the Australian lager people are pouring in £3,500.

A British pilot could win the trophy because, according to Barry Blore, of the association, they are the best in the world and have taken the European and world team championship. The 100 competitors will glide across country and along the cliff edges at heights up to 1,500 feet.

In the past 10 years 4,000 people have taken up the sport in Britain and though the association run proficiency courses, there is still nothing to stop anyone buying a glider and jumping off the nearest office block. Nevertheless, the association claim that while the sport may not be as easy as falling off a horse it is safer, and they have figures to prove it.

So proficient have the experts become that in some areas they soar so high into the blue that they argue about air space with glider pilots.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Short odds on Widnes

By Keith Macklin

The odds on Widnes winning the championship have shortened considerably, following the convincing win at Barrow in midweek. Indeed, Widnes are getting short odds on the double, since they are through to the quarter finals of the challenge cup, sponsored by State Express, and playing as skilfully and ruthlessly as ever.

Even without such back stars as Gregory and Cunningham they maintain a frighteningly high standard of performance, with a large squad of experienced players and promising young hopefuls to choose from. Tomorrow Widnes entertain Leeds who are also in the quarter finals of the cup but whose league performances have been mediocre. Widnes thrashed Leeds home and away last season and will expect two further points tomorrow to maintain the gap between themselves and the pursuing pack led by Hull, Leigh and Hull Kingston Rovers.

Both Hull and Leigh, like Widnes, have designs on the big double. Hull should account at home for a Barrow side which has lost its sparkle while Leigh will hardly fear Wakefield Trinity, who are low in the first division.

Hull Kingston Rovers, with many fixtures to catch up, visit Warrington. The fixture may rebound on Rovers, since Warrington have sacked their coach, Bill Benyon, and replaced him with the former Salford coach, Kevin Ashcroft.

Changes of coach often give a successful stimulus to clubs and after Wednesday's defeat at Craven Park against tomorrow's opposition, Warrington may lift themselves both for revenge and for the benefit of Ashcroft.

Wigan, encouraged by their fighting performance in the Cup against Widnes last week, and by the crowd of 17,500, will go a step further towards first division security if they beat York at home tomorrow. Shaw, the Welsh international forward, returns after suspension and Johnson, the forward on loan from Huddersfield, makes his first appearance. At Craven Cottage, Fulham must beat Bradford Northern to keep alive their slim chances of remaining in the first division, but Northern are in excellent form at the moment.

ROUND-UP

BADMINTON

Baddeley hit by virus

England's prospects in the All-England championships this month, the European championships next month and the Thomas Cup in May received an unpleasant setback yesterday with the news that national champion Steve Baddeley has been laid low again, Richard Eaton writes.

The virus, which had apparently gone and then suddenly reappeared on two occasions, has now caused him to pull out of today's Crest Hotels international against Japan at Farnborough. He will probably also withdraw from the international against Denmark, the European champions, in Copenhagen on Monday.

The timing of Baddeley's mysteriously persistent illness is extremely unfortunate.

TODAY'S TEAMS: R. Stevens (Essex) v H Hasegawa; Mrs N Perry (Essex) and Miss J Webster (Suffolk) v Miss F Tohkairin and Miss M Tomita; N Yates (Kent) v K Zeniya; Miss H Troke (Hampshire) v Miss K Takamine; Stevens and A Goode (Herts) v M Tsuchida and S Miyamora; M Tredgett (Gloucestershire) and M Dew (Middlesex) v Zeniya and T Tsuji.

MONDAY'S TEAMS: S Baddeley (Sussex) v M Frost; Yates v J-P Nierhoff; K Jolly (Essex) v C Andersen; Stevens v F Delfs; Tredgett and Dew v Frost and S Fladberg; Stevens and Goode v Nierhoff and J Helledie.

BLETCHLEY (Thursday): England 4, Japan 3 (English names first): Men: S Baddeley lost to H Hasegawa 9—15, 18—15, 16—18; A Goode beat K Zeniya 15—5, 15—8; R Stevens and N Yates lost to M Tsuchida and S Miyamora 15—8, 14—18, 14—17; M Tredgett and M Dew beat Hasegawa and Tsuji 15—12, 18—7. Women: J Webster beat F Tohkairin 11—6, 11—4; N Perry and G Gilks beat H Tsukioka and M Tomita 15—5, 15—0.

FENCING

Paul leads challenge

Britain's leading épéeists will be in action today when they compete for the 23rd Challenge Martini International trophy, Hilary Cawthorne writes. Thirty British competitors, who have qualified for this event in various competitions around the country, will join 78 foreign épéeists from 11 countries in the preliminary rounds at St Paul's School, Barnes. The final will be at the Seymour Hall in the evening.

The British squad will be led by the defending champion, Steve Paul, the first British fencer to win this A grade event since Bill Hoskyns in 1962. Ranked tenth in the world Paul, aged 27, has his sights on an Olympic gold medal in 1984, and says he is fencing better than ever before: "I am now fitter and faster. Retaining the title will depend on my state of mind on the day."

The foreign entrants include three past winners of this trophy—Michel Poffet (Switzerland), François Suchanecki (Switzerland) and Philippe Boisse (France). Paul's strongest opposition, however, is likely to come from Angelo Mazzoni (Italy) and last year's runner up, Jean-Blaise Evoquez (Switzerland).

Of the British contingent, Neil Mallett—who had an excellent result in Budapest earlier this season—and John Llewellyn, third in this event last year, are both contenders for places in the final.

IN BRIEF

Carr takes charge

Rod Carr, chief instructor at the National Sailing Centre, has been appointed Olympic coach by the Royal Yachting Association. He starts on April 1 and will be responsible for the administration and training of the RYA's olympic squad.

Carr said: "There is already an ingress of new talent to the Olympic classes and I am dedicated to helping the British squad to the success in 1984 that our yachting tradition demands".

● Jo Durie, of Bristol, reached the quarter final round of the women's tennis tournament at Los Angeles with a 6—3, 6—4 win over Kate Latham, of the United States. Andrea Jaeger, the second seed, pulled out with a leg injury and Bettina Bunge lost in the first round to Billie Jean King, who made further progress by beating Leigh Anne Thompson 6—1, 7—5 in the second round.

□ Steve Davis was the only undefeated player at the conclusion of the first period in the first of the Yamaha Organs snooker trophy semi-final groups at Derby yesterday afternoon. Davis, defending the title he won last year, began his attempt for a place in tomorrow's 17-frame final with a commanding 2—0 victory over John Virgo.

SEMI-FINAL GROUP ONE: S Davis (Plumstead) beat J Virgo (Rushden) 2—0 (92—37, 116—21); Virgo beat R Edmonds (Cleethorpes) 2—0 (112—30, 58—56); Edmonds beat Dennis Taylor (Blackburn) 2—1 (65—64, 93—32, 84—26).

FOR THE RECORD

SQUASH RACKETS

TORONTO: World professional doubles: V Harding and P Hall (Canada) beat M Sanchez (Mexico) and G Anderson (Canada) 15—15, 15—10, 9—15, 15—10; B Desaulniers and P Richard (Canada) beat R French and R Tumble (Canada) 14—17, 16—15, 16—8, 15—13.

YACHTING

MELBOURNE: Fireball world championships, final standings: 1, C Tillett (Australia); 2, J Bickerton (GB); 3, D Darby (GB); 4, F Davies (GB). RIO DE JANEIRO: Sydney to Rio race: 1, Ta 'Aroa (NZ) 35 days 19 hrs; 2, Buccaneer (Australia) 37:14; 3, Anaconda II (Australia) 38:01.

GOLF

TEMPE (Arizona): Sun City women's classic, first-round leaders: 67: L Merten-Peterson. 68: C-J Callison. 69: J Coles, T Moody, P Bradley, J Stanger-Pyne, A Okamoto (Japan), P Pulz (Australia). Other foreign scores: 70: T Ohsako (Japan). 71: S Little (SA), C Charbonnier (Switzerland). 72: A Hikage (Japan). 73: A Sheard (SA), M J Smith (NZ). 75: C Sherk (Canada). 76: Y Moriguchi (Japan). 79: J Lee Smith (GB).

WEIGHTLIFTING

FRUNZE: Friendship Cup, 60kg clean and jerk: R Redjebov (Bulgaria) 170.5kg (world best).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: New York Knicks 129, Los Angeles Kings 119; Detroit Pistons 127, Chicago Bulls 97; Boston Celtics 110, San Antonio Spurs 101; Golden State Warriors 104, Dallas Mavericks 93; Houston Rockets 128, Utah Jazz 123. EUROPEAN CUP: Ninth series, semi-final: Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel) 115, Barcelona 105.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Flyers 4, New York Rangers 4; New York Islanders 10, Toronto Maple Leafs 1.

NORDIC SKIING

LAHTI (Finland): Biathlon World Cup 20km cross-country: K Soebak (Norway) 1hr 18min 18sec; 2, D Lirhus (Norway) 1:18:36; 3, F Fischer (WG) 1.19:09.

HANDBALL

BONN: World championships, first pool: Soviet Union 26, East Germany 17; Poland 24, Czechoslovakia 23; West Germany 16, Switzerland 16. Second pool: Spain 22, Romania 20; Yugoslavia 60, Sweden 19; Hungary 19, Denmark 19.

SHOW JUMPING

DEN BOSCH (Netherlands): Brabant international show: First event (440m, and 10 obstacles): 1, F Tyteca (Belgium) T Soulaiky, 0 faults, 56.07sec; 2, P Schockemoehle (WG) Deister, 0, 56.94; 3, L Southern (Canada) Lucinda, 0, 65.28; 5, H Smith (GB) Fan Fan 3, 63.71; 7, N Skelton (GB) Everest Jet Lag, 4, 54.66; 8, J Whitaker (GB) Miss Tina 4, 55.28. Second event (jump-off over 340m and six obstacles): 1, P Raymakers (Netherlands) Ricardo, 0, 57.25; 2, R [illegible] (Netherlands) Oscar Drum, [illegible]; 5, H Smith (GB) Super Cell, [illegible] disqualified after taking wrong course).

MOTOR RALLYING

POVOA DE VARZIM: Portuguese Port Wine rally, third stage leaders: 1, M Mouton (France) and F Pons (Italy), Audi Quattro, 3hr 16min 35sec; 2, W Rohrl and C Geistdorfer (WG), Opel Ascona, 3:28:29; 3, A Pond and K Gormley (GB), Datsun, 3:24:01.

TENNIS

SALISBURY (Maryland): Over-35 Legends tournament: C Richey beat R Emerson (Australia), 6—3, 6—4; M Riessen beat F Stolle (Australia), 6—3, 6—3. Doubles: O Davidson and R Laver (Australia) beat C Scott and C Graebner, 4—6, 7—6, 6—2. LOS ANGELES: Avon women's championship: J Durie (GB) beat K Latham 6—3, 6—4; L Allen w/o, A Jaeger (withdrew); L W King beat L A Thompson 6—1, 7—5; Y Vermaak (SA) beat M-L Piatek, 6—1, 6—2.

BADMINTON

BANGKOK: Thomas Cup, Asian zone final: China 7, Thailand 2.

SKIING CONDITIONS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Crans-Montana	120	160	Good	Powder	Good	Cloud	-1
New snow on good base							
Flaine	165	425	Good	Powder	Fair	Fine	-2
Fresh snow							
Niederau	90	240	Good	Good	Good	Cloud	8
New snow on hard base							
Sauze d'Oulx	20	65	Poor	Heavy	Poor	Cloud	4
Worn patches, slush on lower slopes							
Verbier	80	260	Good	Good	Good	Fair	2
New snow on good base							
Wengen	40	130	Good	Powder	Good	—	-2
Wonderful skiing everywhere							

In the above reports, supplied by the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from tourist boards:

NORWAY	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
Finse		150	Good		-10
Geilo		80	Good		-5
Lillehammer		125	Good		-4
Norefjell		95	Good		-1
Oslo		90	Wet		0
Rjukan		90	Good		-5
Voss		150	Good		-5

FA Cup : sixth round

Chelsea v Tottenham H
Leicester v Shrewsbury
QP Rangers v Crystal Palace
West Brom Alb v Coventry

First division

Birmingham v Manchester Utd
Ipswich v Everton
Liverpool v Brighton
Manchester City v Arsenal
Middlesbrough v Wolverhampton
Notts Co v Southampton
Swansea v Stoke
West Ham Utd v Aston Villa

Second division

Blackburn v Derby
Bolton v Cardiff
Grimsby v Luton
Newcastle v Barnsley
Oldham v Rotherham
Sheffield Wed v Charlton
Watford v Cambridge Utd

Third division

Bristol City v Oxford Utd
Chester v Wimbledon (postponed)
Exeter v Burnley
Huddersfield v Gillingham
Lincoln v Brentford
Millwall v Doncaster
Plymouth v Carlisle
Portsmouth v Walsall
Reading v Preston NE
Swindon v Bristol Rvrs

Fourth division

Blackpool v Aldershot
Bournemouth v Peterborough
Crewe v Stockport
Hartlepool v Sheffield Utd
Hereford v Scunthorpe
Mansfield v Darlington
Port Vale v Bury
Tranmere v Torquay (3.15)
Wigan Ath v Hull City

Scottish Cup : fifth round

Aberdeen v Kilmarnock
Queen's Park v Forfar
Rangers v Dundee
St Mirren v Dundee Utd

Scottish premier division

Morton v Airdrie
Partick Th v Hibernian

Scottish first division

Dumbarton v Ayr
Falkirk v Hearts
Queen of South v E Stirlingshire
Raith v Hamilton
St Johnstone v Motherwell

Scottish second division

Alloa v Berwick
Cowdenbeath v East Fife
Meadowbank v Albion Rovers
Montrose v Clyde
Stirling Alb v Brechin
Stranraer v Stenhousemuir

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Dartford v Telford Utd; Frickley v AP Leamington; Kettering v Barnet; Maidstone v Weymouth; Northwich Vic v Boston Utd; Scarborough v Dagenham; Stafford Rangers v Enfield; Worcester v Bath.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Banbury v Gloucester; Barry v Wellingborough; Cheltenham v Cambridge City; Corby v Bedworth; Kidderminster v Bridgend; Merthyr T v Milton Keynes; Nuneaton v Bromsgrove; Redditch v Minehead; Stourbridge v Bedford; Taunton v Alvechurch; Witney Tn v Enderby.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Southern division: Addlestone and Weybridge v Canterbury; Andover v Poole; Ashford v Thanet Utd; Chelmsford v Hastings; Dorchester v Salisbury; Dover v Hounslow; Fareham Tn v Hillingdon; Tonbridge v Dunstable; Waterlooville v Aylesbury; Wealdstone v Gosport; Welling Utd v Folkestone.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City v South Liverpool; Buxton v Burton Alb; Lancaster v Grantham; Marine v Morecambe; Matlock v Netherfield; Mossley v Gateshead; Southport v Gainsborough; Tamworth v Goole; Witton Alb v Macclesfield; Workington v Oswestry; Worksop v King's Lynn.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Aston Villa v Newcastle (2.0); Burnley v Liverpool; Bury v Bolton (3.15); Derby v Manch City; Everton v Coventry; Leeds v Stoke; Manch Utd v West Brom; Nottm Forest v Blackpool; Preston v Sheff Wed; Wolverh'ton v Huddersfield.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal v Reading; Luton v Swindon; Norwich v Fulham (2.30); Oxford Utd v Birmingham. Postponed: Bristol Rovers v Ipswich.
MIDLAND LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Alfreton v Arnold; Beacon v Belper; Brigg Tn v Eastwood Tn; Shepshed v Ilkeston.
MIDLAND LEAGUE: App-Frod v Bridlington; Ashby v Mexborough; Heanor v Guisborough; Long Eaton v Sutton Tn; Skegness v Spalding.
IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor v Portadown; Coleraine v Glentoran; Crusaders v Ballymena; Distillery v Larne; Glenavon v Cliftonville; Linfield v Ards.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Third round: Bishop's Stortford v Carshalton Athletic; Boreham Wood v Tooting & Mitcham; Dulwich Hamlet v Leytonstone & Ilford.
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Brentwoods v Wellingburians; Carthusians v Foresters; Cholmeleians v Malvernians; Lancing O.B v Chigwellians. First division: Ardinians v Harrovians; Salopians v Aldenhamians; Westminsters v Reptonians; Wykehamists v Bradfieldians.
WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgwater v Clandown; Bridport v Clevedon; Chippenham v Mangotsfield; Frome v Devizes; Keynsham v Weston-Super-mare; Portway Bristol v Melksham; Welton Rovers v Wellington.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Chertsey v Fleet; Grays v Ruislip Manor; Haringey Borough v Hoddesdon; Horley v Edgware; Marlow v Woodford; Redhill v Chalfont St. Peter; Whyteleafe v Kingsbury. League Cup: Semi-finals: Banstead v Leyton-Wingate; Harefield v Uxbridge.

Rugby Union

INTERNATIONALS: England v Wales (at Twickenham); Scotland v France (at Murrayfield). CLUB MATCHES: Birkenhead Park v Vale of Lune; Bradford v Otley; Camborne v Bath; Edinburgh Wanderers v Jed-Forest; Gosforth v Sale; Harrogate v Cheltenham; Headingley v Nottingham; Langholm v Fylde (10.30); Leicester v Harlequins; London Scottish v Richmond; London Welsh v Cardiff (11.30); Loughborough Students v Broughton Park; Melrose v Kendal; Metropolitan Police v Cambridge University (11.30); Morley v Manchester; Moseley v Blackheath; Northern v Liverpool; Orrell v Wilmslow; Oxford University v Rugby (2.30); Roundhay v Birmingham; Saracens v Nuneaton (13.0); Selkirk v Jordanhill (10.50); Stewart's Melville FP v Hawick (13.0); Wakefield v Huddersfield; Watsonians v Middlesbrough (12.0); West Hartlepool v Sheffield. SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: St Mary's Hospital v US Portsmouth; Sutton and Epsom v Sidcup.

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v Teddington; Blackheath v Dulwich; Bromley v St Albans; Guildford v Maidenhead; Hawks v Cheam; Hounslow v Cambridge University; Richmond v Old Kingstonians; Slough v Hampstead; Spencer v Reading; Surbiton v Tulse Hill; Wimbledon v Southgate. SOUTH LEAGUE: Kent/Sussex Regional: Anchorians v Bognor; Canterbury v Tunbridge Wells; Eastbourne v Folkestone Optimists; East Grinstead v Gravesend; Lewes v Old Williamsonians; Marden Russets v Lloyds Bank; Worthing v Sevenoaks. Middlesex/Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Regional: Goan v Aylesbury; Indian Gymkhana v Courage. WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL: Wales v England (at Bangor, 2.30). TRIANGULAR TERRITORIAL MATCH: East U23 v West U23 v North U23 (at Cambridge). COUNTY MATCHES: Lincolnshire v Derbyshire (at Lincoln); Suffolk v Middlesex (at Ipswich). REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: WRAF v Oxford Elceteras (RAF Brize Norton).

Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle v Timperley; Heaton Mersey v Ashton; Old Hulmeians v Mellor; Old Stopfordians v Urmston; Old Waconians v Sheffield University; Stockport v South Manchester & Wythenshawe. SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Buckhurst Hill v Hampstead; Oxford University v Cambridge University; Croydon v Hillcroft; Kenton v Lee.

Volleyball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Leeds Athletic Institute v Spark (1.0, South Leeds); Liverpool Cardinals v Polonia (4.0, Vernon Sangster); Kelly Girl Internationals v Weymouth Rembrandt (3.30, Tolworth); Hillingdon v Speedwell Rucanor (6.0, Hayes Youth). ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bellshill Cardinals v Coatbridge YMCA; MIM v Dundee Kirkton; Falkirk v Whitburn; DY '81 v Paisley; Tass v Kilmarnock. Women, first division: Bellshill Cardinals v DCPE Sports Conscious; Telford v Larbert HSFP; Whitburn Academy FP v Cumnock; Whitburn v Dodds Troon; Inverclyde v Jets.

Ice hockey

ENGLISH LEAGUE: South: Nottingham Panthers v Altrincham Aces (6.15). North: Liverpool Leopards v Blackpool Seagulls (6.30); Streatham Bruins v Deeside Dragons (6.45).

Badminton

Tour match: England v Japan (Farnborough L.C.)

Composite sports

Oxford & Cambridge University Games (at Crystal Palace NSC)

Cross Country

English Schools cup finals (Redditch)

Race walking

Southern 10 mile championships (Battersea Park)

Rackets

Queen's weekend (Queen's Club West Kensington)

Real tennis

Queen's weekend (Queen's Club, West Kensington). Amateur singles championships qualifying rounds (Hampton Court)

Squash rackets

ISPA championship (Abbeydale Park, Sheffield)

Tomorrow

Football

THIRD DIVISION: Newport v Fulham (3.15). FOURTH DIVISION: Bradford City v Northampton. ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Barnet v Weymouth (11.0); Barrow v Boston Utd (2.30); Gravesend v Telford Utd (11.15). NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Gateshead v Worksop; King's Lynn v Mossley.

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Featherstone Rovers v Whitehaven (3.30); Fulham v Bradford Northern; Hull v Barrow; Leigh v Wakefield Trinity (3.30); Warrington v Hull KR; Widnes v Leeds (3.30); Wigan v York. SECOND DIVISION: Batley v Swinton (11.30); Blackpool Borough v Halifax; Bramley v Huyton; Cardiff v Keighley (3.30); Dewsbury v Rochdale (3.30); Huddersfield v Carlisle (3.30); Hunslet v Salford (at Batley); Workington Town v Oldham.

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES: London Irish v Rosslyn Park; Saracens v Metropolitan Police. KENT CUP: Semi-final: Dartfordians v Sidcup (Blackheath, 2.30). SOMERSET CUP: Semi-final: Oldfield OB v Keynsham, Old Redcliffians v Midsomer Norton. SUSSEX CUP: Final: East Grinstead v Lewes (Brighton, 2.30). MIDDLESEX AGAR CUP: Semi-finals (2.30): OMT v Old Kingsburians, West London Inst v Old Gaytonians.

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Hockey

EAST COUNTY LEAGUE: Essex v Cambridgeshire (at Westcliff); Suffolk v Hertfordshire (at Cranes, Ipswich). OTHER COUNTY MATCHES: London Indians v Bedfordshire (at Surbiton); Essex U21 v Cambridgeshire U21 (at Westcliff); Suffolk U21 v Hertfordshire U21 (at Cranes, Ipswich).

TOURNAMENT: Norfolk club championship, preliminary round (at Eaton Park, Norwich). SOUTH LEAGUE: Kent/Sussex Regional: Anchorians v Tunbridge Wells. WOMEN'S COUNTY MATCHES: Cheshire v Leicestershire (at Hartford, Northwich); Northamptonshire v Loughborough (at Wellingborough); Westmorland v Sheffield League II (at Windermere).

Athletics

Indoor league (Haringey).

Motor Cycling

Thruxton meeting (12.0).

Motor Racing

British Formula Three championship (Silverstone).

Rackets

Queen's weekend (Queen's Club, West Kensington).

Real Tennis

Queen's weekend (Queen's Club, West Kensington); Amateur singles championships, qualifying rounds (Hampton Court).

Squash Rackets

ISPA championship (Abbeydale Park Club, Sheffield).

Volleyball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Liverpool Cardinals v Spark (2.0, Vernon Sangster); Leeds Athletic Institute v Polonia (1.0, South Leeds); Hillingdon v Weymouth Rembrandt (1.0, Hayes Youth); Kelly Girl Internationals v Speedwell Rucanor (12.30, Finsbury); TSH Ounsdale Rucanor v Granwood Rockets (12.30, Ounsdale).

Ice hockey

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Ayr Bruins v Murrayfield Racers (7.0); Dundee Rockets v Glasgow Dynamos (at Kirkcaldy, 7.0). ENGLISH LEAGUE: South: Avon Arrows v Streatham Redskins (7.30); Oxford University v Cambridge University (at Streatham, 7.15). CUPS: Ben Truman: Southampton Vikings v Solihull Barons (6.0). Northumbria: Whitley Warriors v Fife Flyers (6.30).

CRICKET

Humpage joins party as No 13

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The Test and County Cricket Board have opted, for the time being, to hold their fire. After meeting for two half days their executive committee has decided that before passing some dreadful sentence on those English cricketers now playing in South Africa — they were joined yesterday by Geoff Humpage, Warwickshire's wicketkeeper-batsman — the feelings of the full board should be sought at next Tuesday's meeting.

The board said: "This is a matter of such importance to international cricket in this country that the intention is to hold a special meeting of the board on March 19, when it is expected that decisions will be made. The executive committee's recommendations will refer to the eligibility of the players for selection for future England teams".

Before signing on with the so-called rebels, Humpage telephoned his county to tell them what he was thinking of doing. After Alan Smith, the Warwickshire secretary (as a member of the TCCB's executive committee he was at Lord's at the time), and David Brown, the county's manager, had talked it over, Brown spoke to Humpage in Johannesburg, advising him that he would rather he rejected the South African offer but that if he accepted it, his career with Warwickshire would be unlikely to be affected.

It sounds from this as though the TCCB are not taking seriously Northamptonshire's absurd idea that Gooch and the rest of his side should be barred from all first-class cricket. Whoever thought that one up would find a place among the hardliners in the South African government, with whom Mr Botha, the Prime Minister, is now having such trouble. *Whether Humpage, by his* acceptance, has jeopardized his chances of an England place is another matter.

Mr Brown warned him of the possibility of this. As a visitor to South Africa this winter — he has been playing for, and coaching in, the Orange Free State — Humpage will have been better placed than most of his critics to form an opinion of the moral justification for the tour.



Humpage: playing for Orange Free State

Be that as it may, the players are doing nothing that is not perfectly within their rights, and they are not a representative England side. The clandestine nature of the expedition was unfortunate, and the leading part played in it by Boycott, who returned home from India ostensibly because he was ill, is a pity. It could also have serious financial repercussions; that is the big worry. In 1981 each first-class county received at least £87,500 from the TCCB as their share of the Test revenue.

If, because of the presence of these cricketers in South Africa, India and Pakistan refuse to come to England this summer, and there are no Test matches, the game could be financially embarrassed — seriously so. India and Pakistan will, inevitably, make all the political capital they can from the present situation, and the TCCB will be inclined to accommodate them, if only by undertaking, if they feel they can, that none of Gooch' players will be chosen to play *against them.*

What the TCCB are concerned about, of course, is the danger of becoming involved in the sort of litigation that they found so costly in 1977, when, in the High Court, they lost to Mr Packer and his associates by an innings and £200,000. On the other hand, cricket followers, as the TCCB will know, are fed up with being, as they think, blackmailed.

Botham says no again

Ian Botham yesterday turned down an offer to name his own price to join the English cricket team in South Africa.

This was made for the second day in succession, by a public relations firm in a telephone call from Johannesburg. They said they represented a South African national retail company who are not connected with any of the existing sponsors or organizers of the tour.

The name of the company was not disclosed, but Botham was told: "My clients would love you to come and ask you to name your own price. We are sure they will meet it."

Botham replied: "I have turned down previous offers and I turn this one down as well. I want to make it clear that I am not interested in joining the South African party — no matter what the price and what I am offered.

"It is pointless for anyone in South Africa to pursue this idea. It is becoming a complete nuisance as far as I am concerned. All I want for the next few weeks is some peace and quiet."

Powerful but untried

Johannesburg, Mar 5 — South Africa's biggest cricketing public relations exercise gets underway in Port Elizabeth tomorrow when their national side meet the touring English XI in the first of three 50-over internationals.

The Springboks who last took the field against Australia in 1970, will want to show the world their talents against Graham Gooch's financially rich but out-of-practice team, who showed little form in their two-day game against the South African under-25 XI in Pretoria, although Gooch was "satisfied with our progress so far".

☐ Barbados has joined Jamaica in blacklisting the English cricketers, the *Nation* newspaper *reported* in Bridgetown. The Prime Minister, Mr Tom Adams, said: They can't come to Barbados. They can never play cricket in Barbados.

SOUTH AFRICA: M J Procter (Capt), S J Cook, B A Richards, P N Kirsten, R G Pollock, C E B Rice, A J Kourie, R V Jennings, V A P van der Bijl, G S le Roux, S T Jefferies, 12th man: W K Watson.

ENGLISH XI (from) G A Gooch (Capt), G Boycott, W Larkins, D L Amiss, P Willey, G W Humpage, A P E Knott, J K Lever, M Hendrick, D L Underwood, L B Taylor, C M Old, J E Emburey. – Agencies.



Haroon rescue act

Karachi, Mar 5. — Haroon *Rashid, given the chance to* reestablish himself as a Test match batsman by the dispute between eight leading Pakistan players and their board, took full advantagewith a fighting innings against Sri Lanka today. Haroon made 66 not out as Pakistan, after losing half their wickets for 113, reached 240 for eight on the opening day of the forst Test.

Haroon almost certainly owed his place in the side to the row over Javed Miandad's captaincy. The eight players said they were prepared to play under Miandad against Sri Lanka but gave no such undertaking for the forthcoming England tour, a position the Pakistan board found unacceptable.

Sri Lanka, playing in a Test for the first time overeas, quickly exploited Pakistan's batting deficiencies after Miandad won the toss. By lunch Pakistan were 88 for four with the only worthwhile contribution a fighting 42 from Rizwan-z-Zaman. Miandad himself made only four.

Pakistan began to prosper after lunch, with Wasim Raja playing a spirited innings which included a six off Somachandra de Silva and three fours in an over from de Mel. De Mel took his revenge when he had him caught at deep point for 31 with the score on 113.

Salim Yousuf, the wicketkeeper, was sixth out at 126, at which point Haroon was joined by Test newcomer, Tahir Naqqash. The seventh-wicket pair added 105 before Tahir fell to Somachandra de Silva for 57. Somachandra de Silva, Sri Lanka's veteran wrist spinner took his fourth wicket when he had Iqbal Qasim leg before for one, but Rashid Khan stayed with Haroon until the close.

PAKISTAN: First innings

Mansoor Akhtar, c Gunatilleke, b de Mel	6
Rizwan-uz-Zaman, c Gunatilleke, b Ratnayake	42
Salim Malik, b D S de Silva	12
*Javed Miandad, c Gunatilleke, b de Mel	4
Wasim Raja, c Dias, b de Mel	31
Haroon Rashid, not out	66
† Salim Yousuf, st Gunatilleke, b D S de Silva	4
Tahir Naqqash, c Mendis, b D S de Silva	57
Iqbal Qasim, lbw, b D S de Silva	1
Rashid Khan, not out	5
Extras (l-b 2, w 1, n-b 9)	12
Total (8 wkts)	240

Tauseef Ahmed to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–6, 2–48, 3–53, 4–72, 5–113, 6–126, 7–231, 8–233.

BOWLING (to date): de Mel, 20–2–66–3; Ratnayake, 14–6–37–1; D S de Silva, 26–5–74–4; G R A de Silva, 7–2–31–0.

SRI LANKA: *B Warnapura, S Wettimuny, R L Dias, L R D Mendis, R S Madugalle, A Ranatunga, D S de Silva, A L F de Mel, R Ratnayake, † H M Gunatilleke, G R A de Silva. — Reuter.

SQUASH RACKETS

Hunt's last big chance

Popular opinion says we are about to have one last chance for a long time of seeing a serious challenge to the world open champion, Jahangir Khan, Richard Eaton writes. If that is so we are about to witness during the next month or so one last great attempt by a great champion, Geoff Hunt, to hang on to his British open title.

We may know more about the correctness of such opinions when the ISPA championship, which began at Abbeydale Park, Sheffield, on Wednesday and finishes next Wednesday, is complete. The Pakistani and the Australian are seeded to reach the final and if they do it will be their first meeting since Jahangir avenged his British open defeat by winning 3-1 in the World open final in Toronto in November.

They are also seeded to meet in four successive finals, Sheffield, Stockton, Chichester and the British open at Bromley.



Hunt: great champion.

Jahangir should win next Wednesday but it will be of crucial importance to the future of squash as a promotable spectacle to get an inkling of how much durability Hunt, now nearly 35, has retained.

RACING

Harewood Cup hopes put to test

By Michael Seely

This afternoon will determine the strength of Michael Dickinson's challenge to Night Nurse, Royal Bond, Venture To Cognac and co in the Cheltenham Gold Cup as both Wayward Lad and Bregawn will be out to prove their metal at Haydock Park in the Timeform Chase and the Greenall Whitley Brewery Handicap Steeplechase respectively. And at Market Rasen, Silver Buck, the hero of two King George VI Steeplechases, will be attempting to defy top weight in the CoxMoore (Sweaters) Handicap Steeplechase.

Now in his second season over fences, Wayward Lad seems to have overcome his early problems with his jumping. With Robert Earnshaw in the saddle, he has twice sprinted home to comfortable victories at Ascot, in the Tote Silver Trophy in November and more recently in the Lambeth & Butler final.

Perfectionist Dickinson was not entirely satisfied with Wayward Lad's latest display. The trainer said that Earnshaw reported that the horse had shown none of his early-season sparkle. Wayward Lad has come on leaps and bounds since then and should prove much too good for Clayside, the winner of last season's Arkle Challenge Trophy, and Bright Dream.

Due to the system of publishing the weights for valuable handicaps well before the day, Bregawn has been able to win three of his races off the reel without being penalized.

Starting on this course at the end of January, this improving chaser has blazed a triumphant trail in recent weeks by capturing in quick succession the Peter Marsh Steeplechase, the William Hill Yorkshire Steeplechase and the Freshfields Holiday Steeplechase at Kempton. So even with a 7lb penalty for his latest victory, Bregawn is difficult to oppose.

Saint Fillans has an obvious chance judged on his second to Bregawn at Kempton. However, the northern chaser is a headstrong individual and ruined his chances against Wayward Lad at Ascot with a bad mistake at the eighth fence. Two Swallows gave a game display when winning the Tote Pattern Steeplechase at Kempton last Saturday. This is also the race chosen by Josh Gifford for the last appearance before Aintree for last year's Grand National winner, Aldaniti.

The principle danger to Bregawn should come from another National candidate, Again The Same. Ridden by Peter Scudamore, Again The Same was only caught close home by Greenways at Ascot last week. With the benefit he is sure to have derived from his first race of the season, Again The Same must surely give Bregawn a run for his money.

The other feature race at Haydock is the Victor Ludorum Hurdle. Morice showed himself to be a live candidate for the Triumph Hurdle by beating Royal Vulcan at Kempton. Sympatique, Omnipotent and Sula Bula all have sound credentials but Morice is taken to give a further pointer to his chances at Cheltenham.

At two o'clock all eyes should be on Silver Buck at Market Rasen. For three seasons this outstanding horse has been the best three-mile chaser in the country, although he failed to stay three and a quarter miles in heavy ground when third to Little Owl in last year's Gold Cup. But after injuring a foot shortly after Christmas Silver Buck was confined to his stable for a month.

It is only in the past fortnight that Silver Buck has shown enough on the gallops to suggest that he might be made ready in time for another tilt at the big race. The ten-year-old is set to concede weight away all round.

The Ascot winner Greenways and the consistent Skegby are likely to be Silver Buck's most formidable opponents. But the favourite is thought to be well forward in condition to be equal to his task.

The day's banker bet is My Boy Jack in the Harry Isaacs Novice Handicap Hurdle at Hereford. Since the weights were framed for this comparatively modest event, My Boy Jack has slammed Gallaher by six lengths at Warwick and as Gallaher has previously finished third to Right Regent and Baron Palles at Newbury, My Boy Jack must be a confident selection, despite a 10lb penalty for his recent success. Also at Hereford I like the chance of Spinning Saint in the Denco Holdings Handicap Steeple Chase.



Angelo Salvini: at full stretch for Newbury.

Champion misses Aldaniti reunion

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Top National Hunt riders Bob Champion, John Francome and Sam Morshead suffered heavy falls during the State Express Champion Young Steeplechasers qualifier at Newbury yesterday. At least Champion and Francome who fell with African Prince and Virgin Soldier, respectively, were walking wounded but poor Morshead was taken to the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading, suffering from chest injuries after his fall from Celtic Rambler.

Champion and Francome were told by the racecourse doctor they could not ride for at least 48 hours, which means that Champion, who left the course with one eye completely closed, will miss partnering his old friend Aldaniti in their intended Grand National warm-up at Haydock Park today. Ironically, Champion was wearing the Aldaniti colours when he fell yesterday.

Francome missed winning the Arkell Brewery Handicap Steeplechase on Border Incident on whom Peter Scudamore, his arch-rival in this year's jockey's championship, deputised. Taking advantage of his rival's sloppy jumping Border Incident won as he pleased. His trainer, Richard Head, said that the Cheltenham Gold Cup will remain in his sights as long as Border Incident's back continues to cause no more problems.

With £8,000 added to the sweepstakes, the Phillip Cornes Saddle of Gold Hurdle, is the most valuable race at Newbury today. This is the final race of this particular series and it may be won by Baron Palles, whose owner, Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin, is enjoying such a good season that he is currently topping the leading owners' list.

Baron Palles qualified for today's race by winning at Chepstow in November, by 10 lengths. David Gandolfo trained him especially with today in mind, ever since he was beaten a head by Right Regent at Newbury early in January. That was a meritorious performance, because he was attempting to give the winner, 13lb more than the weight for age scale.

Angelo Salvini started favourite for that race, but could finish only fifth, a dozen lengths behind my selection. While Angelo Salvini may have needed the race at Huntingdon in the meantime — 12 lengths is a very considerable leeway to make up, and I am content to stand by Baron Palles.

A horse trained in Ireland has won the final once since it began six years ago, and today, Irish hopes are split between Jack of All Trades, who won their heat at Leopardstown at the end of January, and Doubtful Venture.

Philip Cornes and Company have also sponsored two other races at Newbury. Voice of Progress and The Thatcher, who won the first and last races on the course on Schweppes Gold Trophy day, will probably dominate the betting for the Nickel Alloys Novices Hurdle. On times, Voice of Progress should have the edge as he ran his division two seconds faster than The Thatcher.

Haydock Park

Tote double: 2.15 and 3.15. Treble 1.45, 2.45 and 3.45.
[Television (BBC 1): 1.15, 1.45, and 2.15 races]

1.15 TIMEFORM CHASE (£11,483: 2½m) (4 runners)
1 1114-f2 CLAYSIDE (D) (Mrs D Grant) M H Easterby 8-11-12 —
2 1-11131 WAYWARD LAD (D) (D Ingham) M W Dickinson 7-11-12 R Earnshaw
4 232132 BRIGHT DREAM (D) (H Joel) R Turnell 6-11-2 A Turnell
5 213110 GOLD INVADER (DB) A Scott) A Scott 9-11-0 G Bradley
4-6 Wayland Lad, 2 Bright Dream, 11-4 Clayside, 16 Gold Invader.

1.45 GREENALL WHITLEY BREWERIES CHASE (Handicap: £11,431: 3m) (13)
1 113-111 *SILVER BUCK (CD) (Mrs C Feather) M W Dickinson 11-11-13 DOUBTFUL
2 u1/oup-4 FIGHTING FIT (D) (Mrs L Carr) K Oliver 10-10-11 Mr T G Dun
3 13/214-2 AGAIN THE SAME (D) (D McLaughlin) J Edwards 9-10-10 P Blacker
4 lp0241 TWO SWALLOWS (D) (G Steinberg) R Armytage 9-10-10 (7 ex) A Webber
6 21p/11-0 ALDANITI (D) S Embiricos) J Gifford 12-10-9 R Rowe
7 f1-1111 BREGAWN (CD) (M Kennelly) M W Dickinson 8-10-9 (7 ex) R Earnshaw
8 10-p222 MEGAN'S BOY (J Craig) E Carter 9-10-4 —
10 11f120 SAINT FILLANS (D) (R Wilson) M Camacho 8-10-1 Smith Eccles
12 1-3f232 LITTLE BAY (B) (Mrs S Catherwood) G Richards 8-10-0 N Doughty
13 11fo42 FORTINA'S EXPRESS (Mrs M Britton) W A Stephenson 8-10-0 R Lamb
14 pof042 WHIGGIE GEO (A Sanderson) Miss J Sanderson 10-10-0 Mr N Tutty
15 ob3211 SCOT LANE (D) (T Isherwood) M Tate 9-10-0 (7 ex) C Smith
16 24-3313 HARD OUTLOOK (D) (Lady Wates) A Wates 11-10-0 C Brown
15-8 Bregawn, 6 Saint Fillans, 7 Megan's Boy, 8 Again The Same, 10 Fighting Fit, 12 Scot Lane, Two Swallows, 14 Aldaniti, Little Bay, 16 Fortina's Express.

2.15 VICTOR LUDORUM HURDLE (4-y-o: £8,981: 2m) (11)
2 121 MORICE (D) (J Horgan) R Hannon 11-9 A Turnell
3 1020 TEMPO ROSE (DB) (H McCaffrey) J Bolger (Ire) 11-9 B Nolan
4 01142 ADAM CRAIG (D) (Mrs A Trew) M Naughton 11-4 Mr I G Dun
5 001 AZAAM (D) (S Marsh) R Fisher 11-4 D Goulding
7 312020 GREAT LIGHT (B Atkinson) J Jenkins 11-4 M Harrington
8 00341 RAY CHARLES (D) (C R Barron Ltd) D Nicholson 11-4 S Smith Eccles
11 11 SYMPATIQUE (D) (R Graham) N Gaselee 11-4 R Linley
13 002 KALIFE (BF) (Mrs S Shelly) C Mackenzie 10-13 P Leach
14 40 MR FRESHNESS (Kew House Retail) E Carter 10-13 R Lamb
15 23 OMNIPOTENT (I Amiss) D Elsworth 10-13 C Brown
16 2 SULA BULA (G Pratt) M H Easterby 10-13 —
9-4 Morice 3 Omnipotent, 9-2 Adam Craig, 6 Ray Charles, 8 Sula Bula, Sympatique, 10 Tempo Rose, 12 others.

2.45 DUCHESS HURDLE (Handicap: £1,308: 2m) (12)
1 010p00 MILLIONDOLLARMAN (Mrs P Shaw) W Jenks 8-11-10 Mr J Bryan
2 0220-00 SIMPSON JERSEY (D) (Mrs M Fletcher) B McMahon 8-11-7 —
3 12-0001 B & K EMPEROR (D) (B & K Motors Ltd) M W Easterby 5-11-5 P Tuck
4 0-002p0 TONY (CD) (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 10-11-6 —
5 04up0-0 FLYING DIPLOMAT (S Griffith) A Smith 11-11-1 C Grant
6 003010 HIGH HILLS (D,B) (3-D Trucks Ltd) T Craig 8-11-0 R Lamb
7 400313 HOME GROUND (D) (R Bacci) D Nicholson 5-10-9 J O'Neill
8 244-000 HAZELDEAN (D) (R Bacci) D Nicholson -10-9 S Smith Eccles
11 140430 LUXURIATE (D) (Guinea Grill Stakes) I Wardle 5-10-7 M Williams
12 300410 SUPREME VISTA (D) (F Sisson) B Richmond 9-10-7 A Webber
13 001-012 SPEED OF LIGHT (D) (B Stamper) A Smith 7-10-6 T Wall 4
17 0-0p000 PRINCELY CHIEF (D) (Mrs D Smith) A A Smith 10-10-0 —
9-4 Home Ground, 10-3 Luxuriate, 5 B & K Emperor, 15-2 Hazeldean, 10 High Hills, Supreme Vista, 14 others.

3.15 MAD HATTER CHASE (Novices: £2,110: 3m) (11)
3 1-00021 BURROUGH HILL LAD (R Riley) Mrs J Pitman 6-12-3 C Brown
6 012304 ROYAL BOWMAN (DB) (D Buckley) Mrs M Rimell 7-12-3 E Woods
8 2f004u DRUMCONDRA (J Tainton) D Nicholson 7-11-10 S Smith Eccles
9 000p20 FARMER FRED (R Blandford) M Scudamore 6-11-10 Mr J Bryan 7
11 4602-3 INKERMAN (Maj H Baillie) K Oliver 7-11-10 H Baillie
12 04-0400 KINGS FORT (R Hamer) D McCain 6-11-10 N Doughty
13 p302-f0 LETTERBOX (T Bustead) N Henderson 7-11-10 —
15 f0-0200 NEVER TAMPER (J J Saunders Ltd) J Baker 7-11-10 John Williams
17 000004 REGAL ROOTS (J Wilson Walker) W A Stephenson 6-11-10 R Lamb
18 f-00f4f RIDAN TOWER (Mrs A Davies) J Gifford 7-11-10 —
19 0pf02f SILENT REACTOR (H Brown) G Fairbairn 6-11-10 C Grant
4-5 Burrough Hill Lad, 9-2 Drumcondra, 6 Royal Bowman, 8 Letterbox, 10 Inderman, 14 others.

3.45 OYSTER HURDLE (Novices: £1,232: 2¾m) (15)
1 43f113 SUPER SOLO (A M Davidson (PH) Ltd) G Richards 6-12-2 R Barry
2 12 A KINSMAN (Mrs J Brockbank) J Brockbank 6-11-11 —
3 0d10 BARRIER REEF (Mrs T Tate) T Tate 5-11-11 Mr T Tate
6 f0-132f CAPPING (D) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 7-11-11 —
10 00-00f1 TORBOLE (W Shutt) J Old 5-11-11 —
15 0000 CAPTAIN PAT (J Manders) J Baker 6-11-6 John Williams
19 000 FRENETIC FRED (Mrs D Richards) D Richards 7-11-6 Mr D Browne
20 0330 FUEGO DIABLO (D Foster) P Bevan 5-11-6 T Wall 4
22 0333/p-0 ICE SAPPHIRE (M Avison) M Avison 6-11-6 C Tinkler
23 000/00p- KAMACHOW (C Bridgett) C Bridgett 6-11-6 Mr C Bridgett 4
29 0 SOLE AIM (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-11-6 R Lamb
32 004 STOP IT (A Scott) A Scott 7-11-6 G Bradley
34 3-30430 TENQUIN (J Moran) R Fisher 6-11-6 J O'Neill
35 00 WITCHES KNOWE (B Fearon) K Oliver 6-11-6 Mr T G Dun
36 024401 TOP REEF (J Fry) J Jenkins 4-11-3 M Harrington 4
2 Capping, 3 Super Solo, 11-2 Top Reef, 7 Torbole, 10 Tenquin, A Kinsman, 14 others.

Haydock Park selections

By Michael Seely

1.15 Wayward Lad, 1.45 Bregawn is especially recommended, 2.15 Morice, 2.45 Hazeldean, 3.15 Burrough Hill Lad, 3.45 Capping.

Newbury selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

1.30 Voice of Progress. 2.0 Acarine. 2.30 Baron Palles. 3.0 Manton Castle. 3.30 Fledge. 4.0 Dancing Brig.

Newbury

Tote Double: 2.30 and 3.30. Treble 2.0, 3.0 and 4.0.
(Television (BBC): 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]

1.30 PHILIP CORNES NICKEL ALLOY HURDLE (4-y-o novices: £3.015: 2m 100yd) (13 runners)
103 20011 THE THATCHER (CD) (H Joel) R Turnell 11-8 Steve Knight
104 034411 VOICE OF PROGRESS (CD) (D Horswell) P Bailey 11-8 B Reilly
107 3 BRAUNSTON BROOK (Mrs E Boucher) Mrs D Oughton 11-0 B R Davies
111 p FORTSTAR (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 11-0 K Mooney
112 00 HOLLOW LAUGH (Exors of late Mrs H Banks) M Banks 11-0 G McCourt
113 0011 JOHNS PRESENT (J Sinnott) R Holder 11-0 P Richards
114 03 KINGS PARADE (M Ritzenberg) G Thorner 11-0 P Barton
118 322340 NUTTY SLACK (R Giles) R Turnell 11-0 E Waite 4
123 SHOW HOUSE (Hillson & Twigden) J Gifford 11-0
126 02103 SUPPER'S READY (C Cyzer) C Cyzer 11-0 A Curran 4
129 3214 THE DISCO DAGO (R Heathcote) G Pritchard-Gordon 11-0 R Dickin
130 -0 VAL CLIMBER (L C S Southern Ltd) A Jarvis 11-0 —
132 021 WINMARIE (A Newcombe) C Hill 11-0 —
5 The Thatcher, 6 Voice Of Progress, 7 John's Present, 8 Nutty Slack, Supper's Ready, 10 The Disco Dago, 12 Val Climber, Winmarie, 14 Braunston Brook, Hollow Laugh, 16 others.

2.0 PHILIP CORNES JACK OF NEWBURY CHASE (Novices: £5,189: 2½m) (8)
203 20-2331 LECKIE (W Whitbread) R Armytage 7-11-12 —
205 442021 ACARINE (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 6-11-4 G McCourt
209 2p-0 COQUELICOT (G Passey) Miss E Sneyd 9-11-4 D Jackson
213 0-b3224 HENFOLD LAD (B) (A Wates) A Wates 6-11-4 —
214 00/0001 IVORY THRUST (P Southgate) K Bailey 8-11-4 K Mooney
217 0001/f2 LAST ARGUMENT Mrs W Eykyn) N Gaselee 8-11-4 V McKevitt 7
220 f-04pp0 PRIDE OF BARKES (J Lewis) Mrs D Oughton 7-11-4 B R Davies
222 0/01-0u STRAIGHT ACCORD (N Paravicini) F Walwyn 7-11-4 W Smith
2 Leckie, 3 Acarine, 4 Ivory Thrust, 9-2 Last Argument, 10 Henfold Lad, Straight Accord, 16 others.

2.30 PHILIP CORNES SADDLE OF GOLD HURDLE FINAL (£5,676: 3m 120yd) (10)
301 1101 ANGELO SALVINI (H Joel) M H Easterby 6-11-5 A Brown
302 0-1122 BARON PALLES (Sheikh Khamsin) D Gandolfo 7-11-5 P Barton
303 01f144 DOUBTFUL VENTURE (E Morrisey) P Mullins (IRE) 6-11-5 P Kavanagh
304 001-11 SPIDER'S WELL (D O'Bryne) J Gifford 6-11-5 S Enright
305 20-1214 MASTERPLAN (C) (Mrs G Davies) Mrs W Sykes 5-11-3 —
307 000204 BOLD YEOMAN (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 6-11-0 —
308 400023 CULHAM (W Sheedy) W Sheedy 7-11-0 Mrs L Sheedy
309 33341 JACK OF ALL TRADES (Dr H Snimopka) J Fowler (IRE) 6-11-0 A Lynch
310 220024 RUN TO ME (J Keogh) N Mitchell 7-11-0 Mr N Mitchell
311 400003 TRAMPLER (Miss E Aldous) J Scallan 5-10-12 B R Davies
9-4 Doubtful Venture, 7-2 Spider's Well, 5 Angelo Salvini, 6 Baron Palles, 8 Masterplan, 12 Jack Of All Trades, Bold Yeoman, 16 others.

3.0 GEOFFREY GILBEY CHASE (Handicap: £5,176: 2½m) (6)
402 1-2323 STRAIGHT JOCELYN (CD) (D Jackson) R Armytage 10-11-7 —
403 f12112 MANTON CASTLE (CD) (R Peskin) J Gifford 8-11-0 —
404 101tu0 TSURU (D) (Sheikh Khamsin) L Kennard 11-11-0 —
405 221220 SNOWSHILL SAILOR (D) (Snowshill Farms & Stud) R Turnell 10-10-9 Steve Knight
409 110231 QUARTO (D8) (A Morton) P Bailey 7-10-3 (6ex) K Mooney
410 221140 RICHMEDE (G Rayes) M Stephens 9-10-1 J Cushman
7-4 Straight Jocelyn, 3 Manton Castle, 4 Snowshill Sailor, 6 Tsuru, 8 Quarto, 10 Richmede.

3.30 EASTLEIGH HURDLE (Handicap: £2,607: 2m 100yd) (10)
501 211002 MIGRATOR (Sheikh Khamsin) L Kennard 6-12-4 P Barton
504 000 HIGH OLD TIME (B) (Dickins Ltd) S Mellor 6-11-2 B R Davies
505 001240 ORMUS (Maj L Sward) N Henderson 5-10-13 Maj L Sward
506 44100-0 FLEDGE (CD) (Mrs G Charalambous) F Winter 5-10-11 —
507 1-4p04 GOLDEN RIVER (J Henderson) R Turnell 6-10-10 A Holder 7
508 140-400 FORTUNE COOKIE (S Couglan) J Fox 10-10-7 S Jobar
509 00-3244 NIGHT WATCH (P Mellon) I Balding 8-10-3 B Reilly
511 0-03010 DESERT HERO (Lord Fermoy) F Walwyn 8-10-0 K Mooney
512 1210-00 SEAWAY (E Carnell) Mrs A Finch 5-10-0 —
516 00/10pp CAMBOOYA (Mrs E Boucher) Mrs D Oughton 8-10-0 —
5-2 Migrator, 7-2 Fledge, 5 High Old Time, Night Watch, 7 Ormus, 10 Golden River, Desert Hero, 16 others.

4.00 SOAPEY SPONGE HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,152: 3¼m 82yd) (6)
602 101-121 DANCING BRIG (CD) (Mrs L Clay) T Clay 11-12-6 T Clay 7
603 132203 JACK MADNESS (C) (P Hopkins) J Gifford 10-12-6 O Sherwood
608 120/p-2 WISBECH LAD (T Holland-Martin) T Holland-Martin 10-12-6 T Holland-Martin 4
609 34334/p BOLD LORD (R Entwistle) R Entwistle 9-11-10 R Entwistle
612 10p-20p MOONELLO (K Carter) K Carter 10-11-5 Mrs L Sheed
613 SUMORITA (H Willis) H Willis 8-11-5 P Dukes
4-6 Dancing Brig, 3 Jack Madness, 6 Wisbech Lad, 12 Moonello, 20 others.



O'Neill cancels Haydock rides

John O'Neill will miss five rides at Haydock Park today. Although he fell from Little Tyrant in the seond race at Haydock yesterday, he decided to have a rest because he feels unwell. He said yesterday: "I felt fine this morning, but as the afternoon went on I felt worse and the course doctor thinks I've got flu."

Alan Brown will ride Clayside, Sula Bula and Home Ground for Peter Easterby at Haydock, while Steve Knight replaces Brown at Newbury for Angelo Salvini, in the Philip Cornes Saddle of Gold Hurdle.

STATE OF GOING (official): Newbury: Hurdles, soft. Chase, good to soft. Haydock: Hurdles, soft. Chase, good. Hereford: good to soft (soft in places). Market Rasen: good to soft. Monday Windsor: soft (heavy in straight). Sedgefield: good.

Market Rasen

[*Television (ITV): 1.30, 2.00 and 2.30 races*].

1.30 C. G. R. BOOTH TRANSPORT HURDLE (Novice fillies: £1,828: 2m) (17 runners)
1 0400 ROSA TROUT (D) Blundell 5-11-7 C Hawkins
2 2001 SWEETCAL (D) P Cundell 5-11-7 R Stronge 7
3 0041 CAPE FAREWELL (D) M W Ellerby 4-11-0 M Pepper 7
4 244-0 CAROLINE MARGARET Haigh 5-11-0 M Silk 7
5 4024 HORKEY J Harris 5-11-0 J A Harris 4
6 031w HOTWAVE (D) Miss S Hall 4-11-0 C Pimlott
7 000 LACKADAISICAL Miss Rex Carter 5-11-0 Miss K Whyte
8 3000 PRETTY LASS R Woodhouse 5-11-0 S Charlton
9 TURN OF THE TIDE A Roughton 5-11-0 S McNeill
10 fop CELTIC PRIDE Mrs K Bull 4-10-7 C McSharry 7
15 0022 HARDWICK SUN Jefferson 4-10-7 P Caldwell 7
16 L O BROADWAY R Fisher 4-10-7 Mr J Duggan 7
17 0000 POLLY QUINN C Wardman 4-10-7 P Holmes
18 0000 RIBBIS Harman 4-10-7 P Harman 7
19 000 ROYAL TYCOON A Brisbourne 4-10-7 M Brisbourne
20 002u SHIRLEY GROVE A Birch 4-10-7 M Brennan 7
21 00 SNAP TIN R Ward 4-10-7 G Holmes
9-4 Sweetcal, 3 Hot Wave, 9-2 Rosa Trout, 6 Cape Farewell, 8 Horkey, 12 Hardwick Sun, 15 L O Broadway, 20 others.

2.0 'COX MOORE' (SWEATERS) CHASE (Handicap: £2,551: 3m) (10)
1 3-1f1 SILVER BUCK (D) M W Dickinson 10-12-7 K Whyte
3 2444 DIRECT LINE (CD) W A Stephenson 8-10-13 Mr E McIntyre 4
4 0101 GREENWAYS A Jarvis 7-10 7 (9ex) J Burke
7 1-upu CANTON (B) Champ 8-10-2 C Hawkins
9 ou1f SKEGBY (CD) O Brennan 8-10-0 M Brennan 7
10 1110 BARGELLO'S LADY (CD) R Johnson 10-10-0 D Caskill 4
11 0310 MOOR CLOSE (D) M H Easterby 8-10-0 Mr T Easterby
18 0014/ FANNY'S DELIGHT R Bethell 10-10-0 P A Charlton
19 p/fp-0 WANSFORD BOY D Lewis 10-10-0 M Brisbourne
20 000u SOVEREIGN SNIP J Charlton 7 10 0 D A Macintyre 7
4-7 Silver Buck, 5 Greenways, 8 Direct Line, 10 Moor Close, 12 Skegby.

2 30 NEWARK STORAGE HURDLE (4-y-o: £1,928: 2m) (9)
1 f341 ALLIED CARDIFF (D) Blum 11-5 J Barlow
5 341 IMMORAL (D) Camacho 11-1 G Holmes
6 2011 THE CLIFTONIAN (D) M W Dickinson 11-5 C Pimlott
13 22 CONFORM Leadbeiter 10-10 M Barnes
14 142 DOCTOR FAUSTUS Mrs J Pitman 10-10 B de Haan
20 004 REGAL TOUCH M H Easterby 10-10 Mr T Easterby
22 000 SHALLOT BOY F Watson 10-10 —
24 000 THE GROCKALL Mrs E Cockburn 10-10 M Charles
25 THE SMALL MIRACLE N Bycroft 10-10 P A Charlton
7-4 The Cliftonian, 4 Immoral, 5 Conform, 7 Regal Touch, 8 Doctor Faustus, 10 The Small Miracle, 12 others.

3.00 BEAUMONTCOTE HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £875: 3m))10)
4 01- BIT OF A WIT Spicer 11-11-12 Miss J Vergette 7
5 -2200 HELLO LOUIS (D) Mrs G Reveley 12-11-12 K Reveley 7
7 /100- PARITY (D) Mrs A Holman 11-11-12 Mrs A Holman 7
8 f BOBBY'S LAD Mrs S Mollett 9-11-7 R Morris 7
9 3- CHIEF WHIP Brader 8-11-7 A Brader 7
11 p- DUSKY WARRIOR Swiers 6-11-7 J Swiers 7
12 -40/ BILL O'WHISKEY Hewitt 10-11-7 P Hewitt 7
15 142-2 MAGIC TIPP (C,D) J Fitzgerald 9-11-7 A Fowler
17 1/- PRINCE AMP Swiers 10-11-7 S Swiers
19 30f3- SCORT Bowlby 12-11-7 M Bowlby 7
Evens Magic Tipp, 7-2 Hello Louis, 4 Bit Of A Wit, 15-2 Chief Whip, 10 Scort, 16 others.

3.30 VICTOR LUCAS LONG DISTANCE HURDLE (novices: £2,328: 3m) (13)
3 0001 FOSSEWAY FROLIC J Harris 7-12-0 J A Harris 4
4 p301 PELARO A Jarvis 6-12-0 J Burke
8 2100 WINDLEY LAD Vergette 6-12-0 Mr G Vergette jnr 7
11 0000 ASCOT AGAIN Czarpek 6-11-9 G McNally
13 4f00 GLENORA D Lewis 7-11-9 M Brisbourne
15 0/0- LUNAR MAID Mrs J Fraser 7-11-9 R Floyd
16 0p0af MY SAINT ANNE R Johnson 6-11-9 D McCaskill
20 0000 TABULATED W A Stephenson 6-11-9 Mr E McIntyre 4
22 02 LETTOCH M W Dickinson 5-11-7 C Pimlott
24 00 NORTHERN KING Kersey 5-11-7 G Kershey 4
25 OLD BOB Fleming 5-11-7 C Hawkins
26 0214 TRENT VALLEY Folgate 5-11-7 K Sims 7
27 0033 CHESTNUT HILL M H Easterby 4-10-7 Mr T Easterby
2 Pelaro, 11-4 Lettoch, 9-2 Chestnut Hill, 8 Fosseway Frolic, 10 Trent Valley, 16 Windley Lad, 20 others.

4.0 BARROW CHASE (novices: £1,688: 2m) (18)
4 3uf0 SNOW ROSE Champ 7-11-7 C Hawkins
5 4400 BOX OF TRICKS Metcalfe 7-11-2 Mr D Metcalfe
6 f412 BRAVE FELLOW J Fitzgerald 8-11-2 P A Charlton
8 00 FLYING ENTERPRISE F Watson 9-11-2 —
9 000-0 FREDDY SPHINX Rex Carter 7-11-2 K Whyte
10 00u0 GRANGEHILL Morrill 7-11-2 —
13 401-0 JEANNE DU BARRY Mrs G Reveley 6-11-2 Mr K Reveley 7
15 -40u0 JULARD Leigh 6-11-2 D Nolan
16 -32p0 LAW VENTURE Mrs P Sly 8-11-2 M Bastard
17 fu00 MARINE CADET J Charlton 6-11-2 —
19 0p3p/ MARSHALL Mrs B Brunt 9-11-2 D Swift
23 /2fp3 PAPER RICH Blum 9-11-2 —
24 p-f- REI-KESTER Ringer 7-11-2 S McNeill
26 0-000 SILARI J Harris 8-11-2 J A Harris 4
27 -1 SPARTAN REGIME B Morgan 7-11-2 P Carvill
29 --0000- WILTON'S FIRST (B) O Brennan 10-11-2 M Brennan 7
30 -001f ABERVANTER (D) D Todd 5-11-1 Mr D Williams 4
31 000u BENDOLUS Westbrook 5-10-10 —
11-8 Brave Fellow, 6-2 Paper Rich, 8 Show Rose, 10 Jeanne Du Barry, 14 Abervanter, 20 others.

Market Rasen selections

1.30 Sweecal, 2.0 Silver Buck, 2.30 Immoral, 3.0 Magic Tipp, 3.30 Lettoch, Brave Fellow.

Hereford selections

By Michael Seely

1.15 Bright Oassis, 1.45 Classified, 2.15 Spinning Saint, 2.45 Sointulla Boy, 3.15 My Boy Jack, 3.45 Cedor's Daughter, 4.15 Sam Bennion.

Hereford

[Television (ITV): 1.45,2.15,and 2.45]

1.15 ST. DAVID'S HURDLE (Div 1: novices, £698: 2m) (17 runners)
1 1240 BRIGHT OASIS (D) K Bailey 6-12-12 Mr A Sharpe 8
4 0200 CELTIC HERO (B) O O'Neill 5-11-6 J Suthern
5 0 CHARLEY CHEEK K White 6-11-6 T Heath 4
7 0 HOPE AGAIN G Small 6-11-6 P Hobbs
8 ILLEY MILL L Bridge 5-11-6 Mr M Rowley 7
11 00-04 KEDBURY LAD M Wilesmith 5-11-6 R Hyett
13 0 MAEN DIPPA W Fisher 5-11-6 P Scudamore
16 00-2 MIDINETTE G Merson 5-11-6 Mr Peter Hobbs 7
17 p PORTWAY SHANE F G Smith 7-11-6 Mr D Smith
18 SAINTLY SIR E Owen jun 6-11-6 M Elliott 4
19 puu0 SAUCY COIN T Forster 9-11-6 Mr T Thomson Jones
21 p THE PROPHET R Pocock 5-11-6 P Richards
22 0 THISTLEDOWN PATH T Forster 5-11-6 H Davies
29 00 LORD DAULBY Mrs H Mobley 4-10-7 S Shilston
30 PERSIAN MANICOU R C Jones 4-10-7 —
32 REDUNDANCY R Blakeney 4-10-7 W Newton 7
33 SPRINGALLIANCE J Bradley 4-10-7 G Jones
7-4 Bright Oasis, 3 Midinette, 7-2 Thistledown Path, 5 Celtic Halo,

1.45 SUN VALLEY CHASE (Novices £4,459 2½m) (16)
1 0f1f CLASSIFIED N Henderson 6-11-11 P Scudamore
2 f43 MR KILTULLA (D) J Edwards 6-11-11 Mr A J Wilson
7 f BILLYBUD M Oliver 10-11-4 Mr J Weston
10 30fp DARTING BOW N Henderson 6-11-4 B R Davies
14 fppo- GANESA R Brazington 7-11-4 C Jones
15 002f GILLIGAN J Thomas 7-11-4 —
18 1d20 MASTERSON Mrs M Rimell 7-11-4 —
19 00-00 MR WHISKERS T Bulgin 8-11-4 S Keightley 4
21 1213 RAMBLING BUCK T Forster 8-11-4 H Davies
22 p-pp4 ROSE LEE J Needham 8-11-4 P Dever 7
24 0-p0p STOKE RIVERS Mrs E Kennard 8-11-4 S May
26 000p TAKE FLIGHT C Jackson 8-11-4 —
27 01-p0 TROJAN CHIEF M Delahooke 6-11-4 J Suthern
28 0113 WEAVERS LOOM (D) N Gaselee 8-11-4 M Floyd
30 p00-0 WHAT A PALAVER J Priday 11-11-4 G Jones
31 44fu YULE STAR N Thomson 9-11-4 Mr M Thomson
2 Classified, 5-2 Weavers Loom, 4 Mr Kiltulla, 11-2 Ramblin Buck,

2.15 DENCO HOLDINGS CHASE (Handicap: £3,441 2m) (7)
1 -2020 WESTERN ROSE (D) Mrs M Rimell 10-11-10 —
3 1113 SPINNING SAINT (D) Mrs M Babbage 8-10-8 Mr N Babbage 4
5 2101 JO COLOMBO (D) W Jenks 7-10-0 (5 ex) R F Davies
6 133 PROFESSOR PLUM (CD) T Forster 9-10-0 H Davies
10 100u REGENT'S GARDEN (D) A Andrews 10-10-0 P Richards
12 1400 BALLYBUTLER (CD) V Bishop 10-10-0 Mr C Crozier
13 0010 CURRENT CHANCE (CD) F A Smith 11-10-0 C Mann 7
13-8 Western Rose, 3 Jo Colombo, 9-2 Spinning Saint, 6 Professor Plum, 8 Current Chance, 10 others.

2.45 SUN VALLEY PULTRY CHASE (Limited handicap: £1,937: 3m 1f) (13)
2 221f- OTTERY NEWS (D) O Carter 9-11-7 —
3 p-300 RAFFI NELSON (D) N Henderson 9-11-12 P Scudamore
4 430u GOOD PROSPECTS (D) J Edwards 13-11-1 Mr A J Wilson
6 -u342 SOINTULLA BOY Mrs H Houlbrooke 7-10-9 Mr T Houlbrooke 7
7 p000 RIB LAW (CD) J Wright 8-10-7 H Davies
11 02p2 PILOT OFFICER Mrs M Rimell 7-10-7 —
12 14-00 BRIDGE ASH J Johnson 9-10-7 Mr I Johnson 4
15 p42p HOBO J Price 11-10-7 G Jones
21 233p CHORAL FESTIVAL M Low 11-10-7 Mr M Low 7
24 r0-p0 ROSAKET J Roberts 9-10-7 P Croucher 7
25 0/0-00 THE RECTOR L Cottrell 8-10-7 S G Knight
26 00ef HARD AND BITTER (B) Mrs A Price 7-10-7 A O'Hagan 4
27 000-0 PRIDE OF OLLY J Hill 13-10-7 R F Davies
3 Sointulla Boy, 4 Ottery News, 5 Pilot Officer, 8 Raffi Nelson, 8

3.15 HARRY ISAACS HURDLE (novices handicap: £1,548: 2½m) (18)
1 2041 LATE NIGHT EXTRA (D) K Bailey 6-11-6 A Webb
4 1340 CASSLEY G Merson 9-11-6 Mr Peter Hobbs 7
5 0211 MY BOY JACK D Nicholson 7-11-3 (10 ex) P Scudamore
8 003 WATCHET W Fisher 6-10-13 J Suthern
10 u020 TIZZ B Young 7-10-8 Christine Young 7
11 3-124 LATIN AMERICAN T Forster 5-10-7 H Davies
13 0003 ALL OUR YESTERDAYS M Low 5-10-7 Mr M Low 7
15 3044 TICKLED PINK Mrs C Richards 5-10-6 Mr B Eckley 4
17 0300 BARROW Mrs M Rimell 6-10-6 Mr A Sharpe 7
21 0010 WELSH DISPLAY R Blakeney 5-10-5 W Newton 7
28 0430 CELTIC LAUGHTER Mrs M Rimell 5-10-3 —
32 fpp0 SILVER TONGUE (B) E Courage 8-10-0 T Andrews 7
33 00-44 ARCTIC RASCAL W Owens 11-10-0 R Stronge 7
35 0000 MR MYND J Wright 5-10-0 A O'Hagan 4
37 3/3-p RED WASP S Griffiths 10-10-0 —
38 1421 GUYWOOD (B) P M Taylor 4-10-0 S Keightley 4
39 0010 RACHEL STREET (B) J Harriman 6-10-0 —
40 1000 SOLARIUM (C) D Carey 4-10-0 P Barry
5-2 My Boy Jack, Late Night Extra, 9-2 Guywood,

3.45 HENLYS WEST HUNTER CHASE (LAND-ROVER CHAMPIONSHIP) (Amateurs: £985: 3m 1f) (16)
1 213-1 OTTER WAY (D) O Carter 14-12-7 C Down 7
2 1/4f1- CLEAR PRIDE (CD) Mrs P M Jones 11-12-2 —
3 f21p- PETITE MANDY (CD) W Price 10-12-2 N Oliver 7
4 3-f21 TROYSWOOD J Edwards 10-12-3 A J Wilson
5 00/p-1 VALARIAN (D) M Churches 9-12-2 Miss S Waterman 7
6 3012 CEDOR'S DAUGHTER (CD) Miss S Griffiths 11-11-12 D Cummings 7
8 b CEFN EXHAVEN Miss P Blake 10-11-7 Miss R Delonald 7
12 000/4- GEMMERLY JANE Mrs J Watts 8-11-7 —
13 3fu-p HANDY MARK R Eckley 8-11-7 N Twiston-Davies 4
15 0030- IVOR VALLEY D Davies 7-11-7 D Davies 7
16 p3 LONESOME PARK (B) Mrs A Price 6-11-7 R Woolley 7
17 po-u LYNWOOD Miss S Griffiths 10-11-7 —
19 ppf-4 OLD BEAN R Pearson 9-11-7 O Sherwood
20 4300 RED LAD W Owens 11-11-7 A James 7
22 po SUNDER BALLAD Miss W Mills 8-11-7 J Chugg 7
23 2431/- TENNESSEE II (CD) Mrs R Watkins 12-11-7 A Watkins 7
5-4 Otter Way, 5-2 Troyswood, 4 Valerian, 11-2 Cedor's Daughter,

4.15 ST DAVID'S HURDLE (Div II novices: £717: 2m) (17)
3 0 CELTIC SLAVE T Forster 5-11-6 H Davies
6 FIERY JACK G Thorner 5-11-6 R Kington
7 0-03 FROZEN PRINCE N Davies 6-11-6 N Twiston-Davies 4
8 HANNAHMAN L Bridge 5-11-6 M Rowleh 7
10 0000 KANDACOMBE R Hartrop 6-11-6 M Floyd
11 00 LINE BALL S Griffiths 6-11-6 —
12 00 LITTLE BUSKINBELLE O O'Neill 5-11-6 J Suthern
13 00 MARKET LADY G E Jones 7-11-6 C Mann 7
14 0000 MASTER GREGALACH (B) M Hinchliffe 5-11-6 M O'Halloran
15 MASTER OF FUN J Edwards 5-11-6 P Warner
17 00 MISTY SKY K Bailey 5-11-6 A Webb
19 0000- PIERCEFIELD C Plummer 6-11-6 —
22 024-3 SAM BENNION M Wilesmith 7-11-6 R Hyett
24 SOMAY M Oliver 5-11-6 —
26 00 YSTRAD STAR H Thomas 5-11-6 Michelle Sherren 7
29 0f0 CWMRAFFA M Tate 4-10-7 C Crozier
31 MOUNT OLIVER M Scudamore 4-10-7 P Scudamore
5-2 Frozen Prince, 7-2 Sam Bennion, 4 Celtic Slave,

Newbury results

2.0 (2.14) WHATCOMBE HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £1,059: 2m 100yd)
FUNNY SPRING, b g by Rheingold — Lotus (Mrs D Urcher) 7-12-0 S Smith Eccles (5-2 fav) 1
Vick The Basker G McCourt (5-1) 2
Aramoes V McKevitt (16-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 36p, places, 18p, 18p, 20p. Dual f, 74p. CSF: £1.48. G Pritchard at Newmarket. 8l, 10l, Coral Leisure (100-30) 4th. 13 ran. NR Quayplay.

2.30 (2.45) STATE EXPRESS YOUNG CHASERS (£2,781: 2½m)
FAULOON, br g by Master Buck — Very Very (C Bird III) (7-11-7) W Smith (15-2) 1
Was I Right G Davies (15-2) 2
Nickle Moppett Mr P Webber (11-2) 3
TOTE: Win, 99p, places, 25p, 35p, 13p. Dual f, £6.24. CSF: £6.57. F Walwyn at Lambourn. 3l, 10l. Cruise Missile 2-1 fav. Cobblers Castle (25-1) 4th. 11 ran.

3.0 (3.19) ARKELL BREWERY CHASE (Handicap: £3,669: 2m 160yd)
BORDER INCIDENT, br g by Border Chief — Cuddle Up (A Warrender) 12-11-7 P Scudamore (9-4) 1
Hutton Lad A Webber (11-4) 2
TOTE: Win, 35p. Dual F: 48p. CSF: 82p. R Head, at Upper Lambourn. 2l. Washington Heights 11-8 fav. 4 ran (2 finished).

3.30 (3.47) DAILY MIRROR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CHAMPIONSHIP HURDLE (Handicap: £2,168: 2m 120yd)
PROMINETTO, ch g by Prominer — Jaquetta (Mrs J Hughes) 6-10-2 J Davies (15-1) 1
Indiana Dare M Harrington (8-1) 2
Tas Tread Jessica Wallace (12-1) 3
TOTE: Win, £3.19; places, 39p, 11p, 38p, 15p. Dual F: £7.84. CSF: £11.69. M Delahooke, at Cheltenham. ¾l, 2½l. Tangle Briar (7-2 fav) 4th. 20 ran.

4.0 (4.16) MARCH HARE HURDLE (Handicap: 4-y-o: £2,607: 2m)
CYBRANDIAN, b g by Prince Regent (FR) — Lavenham Rose (I Bray) 11-11 Mr T Easterby (100-30) 1
Carved Opal Mr O Sherwood (9-2) 2
Palatinate P Scudamore (9-4 fav) 3
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 18p, 21p, 10p. Dual F: 81p. CSF: £1.87. M H Easterby at Malton. 2½l, ½l. Coal Bunker (14-1) 4th. 9 ran.

4.30 (4.44) WHATCOMBE HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £1,103: 2m 100yd)
ON TRUST, br g by Mandamus — Panniers Premier (H Joel) 5-11-0 E Waite (9-4 fav) 1
Hill Green B Reilly (8-1) 2
Cape Mandy P Nicholls (50-1 3
TOTE: Win, 28p; places, 16p, 25p, 73p. Dual F: £2.38. CSF: £2.09. A R Turnell at Marlborough. 1l, 10l. Couplings (5-2) 4th. 12 ran. NR: Raga.

5.00 (5.12) WHATCOMBE HURDLE (DIV III, Novices: £1,103: 2m 100yds)
HASTY STORM b g by Hasty Word — Stormation (Mrs G. Brazier) 5-12-4 Mr O. Sherwood (6-4 fav) 1
Glasgow Central C. Brown (12-1) 2
Papal Knight R. Rowe (25-1) 3
TOTE DOUBLE: Border Incident and Cybrandian £20.35; Treble: Fauloon, Prominetto, On Trust £14.06; PLACEPOT: £137.75

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1.45 (1.48) TWEEDLEDUM HURDLE (Div I: novices: £1,062: 2m)
CAMIO, b g, by Welsh Pageant — Nedda (C Kilroy) 5-11-6 Mr A J Wilson (9-4 fav) 1
Bonny Gold C Tinkler (8-1) 2
Great Head Boy Mr J Duggan (8-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 25p, 17p, 18p. Dual F: 70p. CSF: £2.07. J Old, at Bristol. Sh hd, 4l. Karsale (4-1) 4th. 14 ran. NR: Edward Ladell.

2.15 (2.1) ALICE HURDLE (Selling handicap: £918: 2½m)
EDWARD'S CORNER, b f, by Sit in The Corner — Gold Tassle (E Hartley) 4-10-0 M Barnes (7-1) 1
Parkstone Quay P Tuck (5-1 jt fav) 2
Nunswalk P Liddicoat (8-1) 3
TOTE: Win, £2.49; places, 39p, 12p, 21p. Dual F: £4.18. CSF: £4.73. Tricast: £28.23. T Barnes, at Penrith. 1l, 1l. Faidor 5-1 jt fav. Michaelmas Daisy (11-2) 4th. 13 ran. NR: Nahane, Maurice's Tip.

2.45 (2.49) HATTONS HUNTERS CHASE (Land-Rover Championship Qualifier: £798: 3m)
COMPTON LADY, gr or ro g, by Precipice Wood — Snowdra Queen (R McAlpine) 9-12-3 Mr D Browne (4-6 fav) 1
The Freddler Mr D Kinsella (16-1) 2
Rubelle Mr J M Dun (7-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 12p; places, 10p, 48p. Dual F: £1.02. CSF: 87p. M. Dickinson, at Harewood. 6l, 6l. Cinchid (12-1) 4th. 6 ran.

3.15 (3.19) LEWIS CARROLL HURDLE (Handicap: £1,587: 2m)
ROYAL COMMOTION, b g, by Fury Royal — Eastern Delight (Mrs P Adeane) 9-11-3 R Barry (8-1) 1
Basil A O'Hagan (25-1) 2
Joemoll M Bastard (9-1) 3
TOTE: Win, £1.16; places, 22p, 49p, 17p, 21p. Dual F: £8.01. CSF: £17.82. Tricast: £164.89. Mrs S Sykes, at Bishops Castle. Sh hd, 2l, Western Man 7-1 fav. Hyde (8-1) 4th. 23 ran. NR: Gollyno.

3.45 (3.48) WHITE RABBIT CHASE (Handicap: £2,816: 2m)
WHY SO, b g, by No Argument — Rusheen Point (F Soudavar) 9-10-8 N Doughty (2-1) 1
Bamber's Security C Hawkins (8-1) 2
Pretty Hopeful P Blacker (7-4 fav) 3
TOTE: Win, 18p; places, 11p, 25p. Dual F: 61p. CSF: £1.70. G. Richards, at Greystoke. 5l, 8l. Roman King (33-1) 4th. 6 ran.

4.15 (4.17) WALRUS HURDLE (Handicap: £1,528: 2¾m)
LITTLE FRENCHMAN, b g, by Tempo — Morning Sun (E Robson) 8-11-7 C Pimlott (6-1) 1
Kilroy Manor D Goulding (8-1 2
Penwood P Carvill (9-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 73p: places, 22p, 10p, 18p. Dual F: £1.32. CSF: £4.08. Tricast: £29.05. E Robson, at Morpeth. 1l, 2l. Brock Hill, 7-2 fav. Grecian Fighter (20-1) 4th. 20 ran.

4.45 (4.48) TWEEDLEDUM HURDLE (Div II: Novice: £1,028: 2m)
CIMA, br g, by High Top — Lemon Blossom (R Lamboume) 4-11-7 Mr A J Wilson (8-13 fav)
Mighty Friend P Tuck (16-1)
Mirthful A Flint (13-2)
TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 25p, 12p, 11p. Dual F: 76p. CSF: £1.20. J Old, at Bristol. 8l, 2½l, Ballydurrow (7-1) 4th. 13 ran.
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CHILTON. — On 4th March, in Ventura, California, to Clare (nee Whittaker) and Simon — a daughter.

FURNESS—On February 27th, at Epsom District Hospital, to Sue (nee Snoldrake) and Chris—a daughter (Alexandra Jane).

HAMILTON.—On March 1st, at the Royal Berks Hospital, to Anne and Martin — a daughter (Madeleine Rose).

HUDSON.—On March 4th, to Suki and Christopher—a son.

JEFFERY.—On March 4th, to Joanna (nee Oakes) and Tony—a son (Thomas Haden).

METHUEN.—On March 4th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Mary and Richard—a son, a brother for Harriet and Alice.

PITT FORD.—On March 1st to Heather (nee Dickinson) and Tom—a daughter (Alexandra).

DEATHS

BIRO.—On Monday, March 1, 1982, peacefully at home Arpad de Szentkatolna, dearly beloved husband of Ella. Will be missed by friends in this country and in Hungary. No flowers at his own request. If desired donations to the Hungarian Reformed Church, 17 St Dunstan's Road, London W6 8RD, where the funeral service will take place on Tuesday 9th March, 1982, at 1.30 p.m. followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium.

BREETHING.—On March 3rd, 1982, peacefully at his home in Ringwood, William Joseph Breething, O.B.E., aged 89 years. Much loved brother of Mrs Mary Stewart of Oxford, and stepfather of Mrs Rena Vechierini of Montreal, Canada. Funeral service at Ringwood Parish Church on Thursday, March 11th at 11.30 am, followed by cremation at Bournemouth. Flowers may be sent to Burrow Brothers, Funeral Directors, 2 Nursery Road, Ringwood, Hampshire.

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FAULKNER.—On March 3rd 1982, in hospital, Doctor Raymond Oliver Faulkner (Egyptologist), aged 87 years, of Woodbridge, Suffolk. Funeral service at Ipswich Crematorium, on Thursday, March 11th, at ...

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Television and radio: Saturday and Sunday

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BBC 1

6.25 Open University: Parents at Nelson School. 6.50 Clean Air; 7.15 Riccio's Bronzes; 7.40 Potsdam (2); 8.05 To Bedford from Busso (3); 8.30 Resources in Sound; 9.05 Swim: fitness (r); 9.30 Swap Shop: with Bob Geldof and Johnny Fingers, Mike Harding, The Krankies and Platignum Ppp; 12.15 Grandstand: The line-up is: 12.20 Football Focus; 12.45 News; 12.50 Boxing: (Royal Albert Hall fights) and Tennis (Davis Cup, Great Britain v Italy); 1.40 Racing: from Haydock, the 1.15, 1.45 and 2.15 races. From Newbury: the 1.30, 2.00 and 2.30 races; 2.40 Tennis (Davis Cup); 2.55 Rugby Union: Live coverage of the clash between England and Wales at Twickenham. Can England, flushed with success after defeating France two weeks ago, pull off another win? Their victory rate against Wales isn't phenomenal — three wins in the past 20 years; 3.45 Half-time football scores.

4.25 Grandstand (continued). Highlights of the Scotland v France clash at Murrayfield — seen only minutes after the final whistle; 4.35 Final scores.
5.10 The All New Pink Panther Show: three cartoons.
5.30 News: read by Jan Leeming. 5.40 Sport round-up.
5.45 The Dukes of Hazzard: Boss Hogg tries to swindle Lucinda Meadows out of her legacy.
6.35 Jim'll Fix It: A nine-year-old girl competes against showjumper Harvey Smith, and a 13-year-old boy does some sound effects for the radio drama serial Bleak House. Plus other feats.
7.10 Nanny: Final episode. Barbara (Wendy Craig) finds a mysterious guest at Donald's and Dolly's home when she goes to visit them.
8.05 The Les Dawson Show: with Denise Nolan and Kids International.
8.35 Dallas: J.R. tries to bamboozle Cliff Barnes into buying worthless land.

9.25 News: read by Jan Leeming. Also sports round-up.
9.40 Match of the Day: Sixth round of the FA Cup. Action from two of the day's games. And, the result of the February Goal of the Month competition.
10.40 Parkinson: With Roy Castle and Buddy Rich and his Orchestra.
11.40 Kojak: The planned diamond robbery that ends in murder; 12.30 Weather.



A week with Svetlana: BBC 2, 8.55 pm

BBC 2

6.25 Open University: The Claimant; 6.50 Binomial Theorem; 7.15 Conic Section; 7.40 Baroque Instruments; 8.05 Home Sweet Dome; 8.30 Writing History; 8.55 Sounds of Language; 9.20 Seven Card Study; 9.45 ABC in Kansas City; 10.10 Petroleum, Polythene; 10.35 Augustus's Rome; 11.00 Maths; 11.35 Mutations, mutants; 11.50 1930s unemployment; 12.15 Maths; 12.40 Likely Story; 1.05 Easy as ABC?; 1.30 Dependent Future; 1.55 Handicapped in the Community; 2.45 Electronic design and signals; 3.35 Film: Mr Skeffington* (1944). Claude Rains is the stockbroker husband whose wife (Bette Davis) gives him an awful time.

5.40 The Flight of the Condor: Last film in the Andean wildlife trilogy (see Choice).
6.35 Could It Happen to You? The perils of bankruptcy. Includes an interview with a former Lord Mayor of London and an ex-goalie; 7.05 News.
7.25 Did You See . . . ? Sir Huw Wheldon is in the chair for a discussion of The Auden Landscape, Bizarre, and Beat. The panel: David Lodge, Diana Quick, and Professor Andrew Motion.
8.05 Fauré's Requiem: From Llandaff Cathedral. Sir Colin Davis conducts. Soloists: Helen Donath and Gwynne Howell. Also, a BBC TV/Yorkshire TV discussion on satellite television.
8.55 A Week with Svetlana: (see Choice).

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9.55 Her Mother's House: BBC Scotland drama, by Joan Lingard. Rachel Gurney plays the worldly-wise successful mother of an insecure daughter (Jennie Linden) who longs for children but can't have any. She asks her husband if she can adopt a child. He refuses, and her life takes a dramatic turn as a result. Also starring Penelope Horner and Andrew Burt (Gulliver in the recent TV serial); 11.10 News.
11.15 Film: The Haunting* (1963) Ghost story, set in a New England mansion, said to be haunted by the ghosts of four women. Starring Richard Johnson, Claire Bloom, Julie Harris, Russ Tamblyn. Director: Robert Wise. Ends at 1.10 am.

ITV/LONDON

8.35 Sesame Street: with The Muppets; 9.35 Space 1999: Galactic thriller, with Christopher Lee as guest actor (r); 10.30 Tiswas: Chaotic entertainment for children and quite a few parents; 12.15 World of Sport. The line-up is: 12.20 On the Ball (Cup quarter-final ties preview); 12.45 World Cup Ski-ing: Men's Downhills, from Mount Whistler, Canada, and Aspen, United States. Also: Rallying. (Mintex International Rally). The first of five rounds in the Rothman's RAC Open Rally Championship. Last year's winner, Pentti Airikkala takes part. 1.15 News from ITN; 1.20 The ITV Six. We see (from Market Rasen), the 1.30, 2.00 and 2.30 and (from Hereford), the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45; At 3.00: Snooker. Live, semi-final coverage of the Yamaha Organs Trophy from the Assembly Rooms, Derby (see also 4.00); 3.45 Half-time football results. And general sports round-up.

4.00 World of Sport (contd). More live coverage of the Yamaha Organs Trophy, from Derby. The finals are tomorrow; 4.50 Results. Pools check, and other results.
5.15 Happy Days: Fonzie has a romance-inhibiting toothache.
5.45 Dick Turpin: The highwayman is sentenced to death. Starring Richard O'Sullivan and (as the mysterious Mrs Brownlow) Jennie Linden.
6.15 Mind Your Language: Why Juan (Ricardo Montez), rushed to hospital, is soon back at school. Starring Barry Evans as the teacher (r).
6.45 3-2-1: Comedy sketches and prizes, in a family show compered by Ted Rogers. The theme tonight: murder. The guest: Frankie Howerd.
7.45 Hart to Hart: An eccentric art collector kidnaps Jennifer (Stefanie Powers) and puts her in a class "case". With Robert Wagner.
8.45 News from ITN: And sports round-up.

9.00 Snooker: Back to the Assembly Rooms in Derby for more games in the Yamaha Organs Trophy. The finals can be seen tomorrow. The first session will begin at 4.30, and the concluding frames can be seen at 10.00. The commentators are John Pulman and Dennis Taylor. The coverage continues later tonight, at 12.10 approximately.
9.45 Film: Magnum Force (1973). Thriller, directed by Ted Post. It's a sequel to Dirty Harry, which also starred Clint Eastwood as inspector Harry Callahan. Like its predecessor, this is a violent story. It's about a series of murders of underworld figures in San Francisco. It emerges that the killings are the work of a gang of vigilantes. Co-starring Hal Holbrook, Mitchell Ryan, David Soul and Christine White.
12.05 News headlines. They are followed by: Snooker: The result of the second semi-final of the Yamaha Organs Trophy.
12.40 Close: Wynford Vaughan-Thomas on the art of being Welsh.

CHOICE

● A WEEK WITH SVETLANA (BBC 2, 8.55pm): Jonathan Stedall's film about a humanitarian East-West confrontation last summer amid the green acres of Sussex, is replete with apparent improbabilities such as Malcolm Muggeridge, the sage of Robertsbridge, waving off his wife as she drives away for a morning's shopping with Svetlana Alliluyeva, daughter of Stalin, the dictator he despised, and calling after them "Don't spend too much money." The Muggeridges were host to the VIP defector for a week. They raked a lawn together, picked raspberries, relaxed to an old record of a Russian choir singing the Credo, and strolled through fields of corn while they discussed the wise thoughts of St Augustine. And they listened as Svetlana talked about the bureaucratic paralysis that surrounded her father's dying hours, fulfilling the promise she had made to tell satirical stories (as well as tragic and ironic ones) if Mr Muggeridge could arrange the meeting which was to offer Mr Stedall the chance to make a film which memorably mixes religion, politics, and inside information about life with a notorious despot.

● THE HAUNTING (BBC 2, 11.15pm) is a ghost story which I would call the greatest ghost story ever filmed were it not for the fact that it turns out not to be a ghost story at all. But, spooky or not, Robert Wise's film is a marvellous shocker which I would not recommend to anyone living alone in a house plagued by draughts and creaky floorboards.

● Radio highlights: Gounod's Messe solennelle à St-Cécile, with the BBC Welsh SO (Radio 3, 8.50pm), and nonagenarian Eva Turner's record choice in DESERT ISLAND DISCS (Radio 4, 7.15pm).



Frankie Howerd: ITV, 6.45 pm

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News.
6.32 Farming Today.
6.50 Yours Faithfully. Religious affairs.
7.00 News.
7.10 Today's Papers.
7.15 On Your Farm.
7.45 Yours Faithfully.
7.50 It's a Bargain.
8.00 News.
8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Sport on 4.
8.48 Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News.
9.05 Breakaway.
9.50 News Stand.
10.05 The Week in Westminster.
10.30 Daily Service.†
10.45 Pick of the Week.†
11.35 From Our Own Correspondent.
12.00 News.
12.02 Money Box.
12.27 Just a Minute.†
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions?
2.00 News.
2.05 Thirty Minute Theatre: 'A Nice Day Out' by Anne Westbrooke.
2.35 Medicine Now.
3.05 Wildlife.
3.30 The British Seafarer. A history in 26 parts.(8).†
4.15 Feedback with Tom Vernon.
4.30 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners.
5.00 Off The Page. Novelist, Beryl Bainbridge talks to Gill Pyrah.
5.25 Week Ending.†
6.00 News.
6.15 Desert Island Discs. Castaway: Dame Eva Turner, primadonna.†
6.55 Stop The Week with Robert Robinson.†
7.35 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records.
8.30 Saturday Night Theatre. 'Sarah and Annie—1910' by Sandra Freeman.†
10.00 News.
10.15 Mrs Worthington, You Were Warned from the book by Wendy Murray.†
11.00 Lighten Our Darkness. An evening meditation.
11.15 A Word in Edgeways.
11.45 On the Train to New Zealand. Ray Gosling talks about his travels to the East.
12.00 News; Weather Report and Forecast.
12.15 Shipping Forecast: Inshore Waters Forecast.
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South West Region only. (vhf and mf). 6.55-7.00 am Regional News. 7.55-8.00 Regional News. 12.55-1.00 pm Regional News.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Aubade, Ireland, Alkan, Puccini (mono), Auric; records. †
9.00 News.
9.05 Record Review. Includes Edward Greenfield talking about the 1982 Gramophone awards, and Stephen Dodgson on Hadyn's Syphomy No 103 (the Drum Roll). †
10.15 Stereo Release. Muffat, Mendelssohn, Corelli: records. Includes the Mendelssohn cello sonata no 2 in D (Anner Bylsma, soloist) and the Corelli Corcerto Grosso in F Op 6, No 6 (played by Cantilena with Adrian Shepherd on cello.†
1.15 Bandstand. The Cory Band: Denzil Stephens, Gilbert Vinter, Bryan Kelly.†
11.45 I Know What I Like. Frank Kermode presents his personal choice of records. †
1.00 News
1.05 Early Music Forum. †
2.00 Play It Again. Selection of recent music broadcasts. †
5.00 Jazz Record Requests. †
5.45 Critics' Forum.
6.35 Cello and Piano. Recital: Mendelssohn, Berkeley, Saint-Saens, Faure, Falla arr. Marechal. †
7.10 So My Particular Friend. Third of five programmes reflecting the friendship of Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn, drawn from their letters. †
7.30 St. Davids's Music Week: Concert direct from the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea. Part 1: Hoddinott, Mozart. †
8.30 The Last of the Magi. Peter Burke talks about historian Frances Yates.
8.50 Concert. Part 2: Gounod. †
9.40 Mind as Mechanism. Daniel Dennett argues that human beings are not the only machines that can have minds.
10.10 Haydn and Gerhard Quartets. String Quartet recital. †
11.00 News.
11.05 Kodaly on record. †
VHF ONLY — Open University: 5.55-7.55 and 11.20-12.40. 5.55 Biochemists and biochemistry. 6.15 The Interested Parties. 6.35 Decision-Making in Britain. 6.55 (Music interlude). 7.15 An Exercise in Constructive Criticism. 7.35-7.55 S101 Study Hints. 11.20 Open Forum 11.40 Pulse Code Modulation. 12.00- Aural training (1). 12.20-12.40 English Economic History.

Radio 2

5.00 Peter Marshall with The Saturday Early Show.† 6.05 David Jacobs.† 10.00 Robin Cousins with his Star Choice of records.† 11.03 The Kenny Everett Cup.† 1.00 Know Your Place. Comedy series. 1.30 Sport on 2: Rugby International: England v Wales plus coverage of Scotland v France. Football: second half commentary on 6th Round FA Cup ties including Chelsea v Spurs. Tennis: from Rome. Racing: from Haydock Park; 1.45 Greenall Whitley Breweries Chase; 2.15 Victor Ludorum Hurdle. 5.00 Sports Report. 5.45 Classified Racing and Football results. 6.00 Country Greats in Concert featuring Bobby Bare. 7.00 Beat The Record. Phone-in music quiz. 7.30 Big Band Special with the Radio Big Band. 8.00 Peter Knight's World of Music from the Hippodrome, Golders Green, London.† 9.00 Patti Boulaye in Concert with Labi Siffre.† 10.00 A Century of Music. Norway 1950-59.† 11.02 Sports Desk. 11.10 Pete Murray's Late Show.† 2.0-5.0 You and the Night and the Music with Colin Berry.†

Radio 1

5.00 As Radio 2. 7.00 Wake Up to the Weekend (new series) with Adrian John. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Saturday Show (new series). 10.00 Paul Burnett (new series). 1.00 Adrian Juste.† 2.00 A King in New York with Jonathan King.† 2.05 Paul Gambaccini.† 4.00 Walters' Weekly with John Walters. 5.00 Rock On.† 6.30 In Concert featuring The Pretenders.† 7.30 Close. VHF Radios 1 and 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2. 1.00 pm With Radio 1. 7.30-5.00 am With Radio 2.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1

BBC CYMRU/WALES: 5.40-5.45pm Sports News Wales. 12.30am Weather. SCOTLAND: 9.5-9.30am Mag is Mog. 12.15-5.10pm Grandstand: details as BBC1 except: 2.55-4.25 International Rugby Union — Scotland v France at Murrayfield including 3.45 Half-time scores. 4.25-4.35 International Rugby Union — England v Wales (highlights). 9.40-10.40 Sportscene: Football: Scottish Cup Fifth Round and FA Cup 6th Round — highlights. Rugby: Scotland v France, England v Wales — highlights. 12.30am News. NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.0-5.10 Scoreboard. 5.40-5.45 Northern Ireland News. 12.30am Northern Ireland news headlines. ENGLAND: 5.40-5.45pm South-West (Plymouth): Spotlight Sport — Regional results and reports. All other English regions: Sport/Regional News. 12.35am Close.

CHANNEL

As London except starts: 12.15 World of Sport. 5.15 Mork and Mindy. 5.40-5.45 Puffins's Pla(i)ce. 7.45-8.45 Fall Guy (Lee Majors). 12.40am Closedown.

TSW

As London except: Starts 9.05 am Wheelie and the Chopper Bunch. 9.30 Saturday Show. 10.30 Incredible Hulk. 11.20 Survival. 11.45 University Challenge. 12.12 pm-12.15 News. 5.15 Mork and Mindy. 5.40-5.45 Newsport. 7.45-8.45 Fall Guy. 12.40 am Postscript. 12.46 Closedown.

SCOTTISH

As London except: Starts 9.15 am Vicky the Viking. 9.40-10.30 Thunderbirds. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 12.35 am Late Call. 12.40 Closedown.

GRANADA

As London except: Starts. 9.20 am Spiderman. 9.40-10.30 Thunderbirds. 5.15 pm Bugs Bunny. 5.20-6.15 Chips. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.40am Living Legends of Blues. 1.15 Closedown.

BORDER

As London except: Starts 9.35-10.30am Space 1999. 5.15pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.40am Closedown. END

HTV

As London except: Starts. 9.15 am Adventures of Black Beauty. 9.40-10.30 Thunderbirds. 12.13pm-12.15 News. 5.15-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.40am Closedown.

HTV CYMRU/WALES

As HTV West except: 9.15 am-9.40 Razzmatazz. 5.15-5.45 Slôn a Siân.

ULSTER

As London except: Starts 10.00 am-10.30 Stingray. 5.00 pm-5.05 Sports results. 5.15-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum 12.40 am News at Bedtime. Closedown

TVS

As London except: Starts 9.00am Saturday Brief. 9.05 Sesame Street. 10.00-10.30 Here's Boomber. 5.15 News. 5.20-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.40am Company. Closedown.



Clint Eastwood: Magnum Force (ITV, 9.45 pm)

ANGLIA

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Sesame Street. 10.00-10.30 Sport Billy. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.40 am At the End of the Day

CENTRAL

As London except: Starts 9.05 am Paint along with Nancy. 9.30-10.30 Sesame Street. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum 12.40 am Closedown.

TYNE TEES

As London except: Starts 9.00am Cartoon Time. 9.10 Sport Billy 9.40-10.30 Thunderbirds. 12.13pm-12.15 News. 5.15 News. 5.17-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.40am Three's Company. 12.50 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

As London except: Starts 9.00 am-10.30 Film: In the Doghouse* (Leslie Phillips, Peggy Cummins) Adventures of a hapless vet. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 9.00 Snooker 12.40 am Closedown

GRAMPIAN

As London except: Starts 9.00am Sesame Street. 10.00-10.30 Joe 90. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin 7.45-8.45 Magnum 12.40am Reflections 12.45 Closedown

BBC 1

6.25 Open University: Industrial Architecture; 6.50 Pilgrimage in Hindu tradition; 7.15 The Moonies; 7.40 One-Stop shopping; 8.05 £5,000 million industry; 8.30 Parliamentary Expenditure Committee; 9.00 Heads and Tails; 9.15 Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan; 9.50 Working for Safety (r); 10.10 The Computer Programme: Information Science; 10.35 The Engineers: Minns, Fraenkel and Cooley (r); 11.25 Ensemble: French course, lesson 19 (r) 11.50 Maths Help: for O-level students. Graphs; 12.00 Feeling Great: A week's low-fat diet (r); 12.15 Day One: Religious affairs news magazine; 1.25 Paint! Perspective, and painting with a a knife; 1.50 News; 1.55 Film: Private's Progress* (1956) Boulting Brothers' comedy, with Ian Carmichael as an incompetent soldier, with Richard Attenborough, Dennis Price, Terry-Thomas; 3.30 Mickey and Donald.

3.50 International Darts: England v Wales in the Arrow Chemicals British Championship. Also, the ladies' event. More at 11.50.
4.40 International Athletics: Second day of the European Indoor Championships from Milan. Includes the 60-metre hurdles, the 800 metres and the 1,500 metres. More at 5.55.
5.15 Stalky and Co: Final episode of the Kipling school yarn. A prefect is put on the spot over his romantic life; 5.45 News with Jan Leeming.
5.55 International Athletics; (see 4.40 entry).
6.05 Holiday: Package tour to the Himalayan foothills and a coach tour of Sicily.
6.40 Songs of Praise: From St Mary Magdalene Church, Woodstock, Oxfordshire.
7.15 King's Royal: Penultimate episode of this Scottish family saga. The whisky baron and his son (Tom Bell, Eric Deacon) are threatened with a fraud prosecution.
8.05 Film: The McKenzie Break (1970) Wartime drama about a german plan to escape from a prisoner of war camp in Scotland, with Brian Keith, Ian Hendry, Helmut Griem.

9.00 Film: The McKenzie Break (continued).
9.50 Omnibus: Excerpts from Christopher Bruce's new ballet for the Ballet Rambert, Berlin Requiem, which opens at Sadler's Wells this week.
10.40 News: with Jan Leeming. And weather.
10.50 Choices: A studio audience discusses crises of conscience in which they were involved. The panel is made up of David Penhaligon MP, Anne Leslie, and Lawrence Norcross. In the chair: Libby Purves.
11.25 Never too Late: The entertainment and stimulation to be found in sailing, evening classes and keeping pigeons. With Tom Vernon.
11.50 International Darts: The best of the action in today's Arrow Chemicals British International Championship between England and Wales — men and women; 12.35 Weather forecast.

BBC 2

6.25 Open University. Optics Laboratory; 6.50 Telecommunications; 7.15 Earth materials; 7.40 Stereochemistry; 8.05 Carbohydrates; 8.30 Motion: Newton's laws; 8.55 Questioning Assumptions; 9.20 M101/3 Trigonometric Formulas; 9.45 Poblem Identification Game; 10.10 Brick by Brick; 10.35 Education in Britain; 11.00 Cell Structure; 11.25 Project FAMOUS; 12.15 Living Statistics; 12.40 Cell Membrane Structure; 1.05 What Makes a Reaction Go; 1.30 Acceleration at Constant Speed; Colsedown at 1.55; At 3.55 Horizon: Shots in the Dark. The Third World women who are being given a contraceptive injecton that is a suspected cancer risk (r).

4.45 International Rugby Special: Highlights of yesterday's two big internationals: England v Wales at Twickenham, and Scotland v France at Murrayfield.
6.00 News Review: with sub-titles and Jan Leeming.
6.30 The Money Programme: A forecast on Tuesday's Budget, and and analysis of the state of the economy.
7.15 The World About Us: Futebol Brasil. A profile of José Reinaldo de Lima, the 25-year-old footballer who is something of a god in his own country. It is also, irrestibly, a portrait of his adoring fans.
8.05 Nancy Astor: Episode 4. The action moves to England, where Nancy (Lisa Harrow) meets the millionaire banker Lord Revelstoke (Julian Glover) and, more significantly, Waldorf Astor (James Fox) (r); 8.50 News.

9.00 The Apprentice: How Paddy Belfield, aged 16, came to make up his mind that funeral undertaking might be a good way to make a living.
9.50 International Pro-Celebrity Golf: Kenny Dalglish and Lee Trevino play Bruce Forsyth and Jerry Pate.
10.40 Film: Executive Action (1973) Political thriller which advances the theory that the assassination of President Kennedy was the work of a right-wing group. Real characters such as Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby are impersonated. Starring Burt Lancaster, Robert Ryan and Will Geer. Ends at 12.15am.

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9.05 Be Your Own Boss. Buying into a franchise; 9.30 Cartoon; 9.45 God's Story: all about Joseph; 10.00 God Help Me: The Lord's Prayer is examined; 10.30 But What Do You Really Believe? The Rt Rev Michael Marshall, Bishop of Woolwich, is interviewed; 11.00 Getting On: Questions about retirement answered; 11.30 Stingray: Puppet adventure (r); 12.00 Weekend World: The future of the Labour Party. Brian Walden interviews Roy Hattersley. Live in the studio. 1.00 London Talking: from Grays, Essex (see Choice); 1.45 Police 5: with Shaw Taylor; 2.00 News of London. And University Challenge. General knowledge quiz; 2.30 The Big Match: Action from two of yesterday's FA Cup Quarter-Final matches; 3.30 Survival Special: Castles of Clay. The astonishing termite mounds of the African plains (r).

4.30 Snooker: Best-of-17-frames final of the Yamaha Organs Trophy tournament. From Assembly Rooms, Derby. More at 10.00.
5.30 The Adventures of Black Beauty: The bankrupt Lord Eddington (Peter Williams) has to sell Eddington Hall. But it might contain hidden treasure (r).
6.00 Behind the Veil: Credo series about women and religion. Dramatic changes in the life-style of some nuns in Britain and the US. Two nuns are interviewed. 6.30 News from ITN.
6.40 Appeal: Donald Swann appeals on behalf of the British Refugee Council.
6.45 Sunday Best: Religious entertainment, with Donald Swann, Frank Topping and Marian Davies.
7.15 The Fall Guy: Drama series about a movie stunt man who is also a bounty hunter. With Lee Majors.
8.15 Father Charlie: Comedy series set in a convent, with Lionel Jeffries as a cockney chaplain and Anna Quayle as the Mother Superior.
8.45 News from ITN.

9.00 Around Whicker's World in 25 Years: To celebrate his quarter of a century before the TV cameras, Yorkshire TV are putting out three programmes made up of some of Alan Whicker's best films. Tonight's theme: love and marriage. Includes Whicker's report on a gay wedding in San Diego.
10.00 Snooker: Conclusion of the Yamaha Organs Trophy tournament.
10.40 The South Bank Show: A behind-the-scenes film about rehearsals for Guys and Dolls, the first musical ever put on at the National Theatre (it opens there next Tuesday). The stars of the show (Bob Hoskins, Ian Charleson, Julie Covington and Julia McKenzie) are interviewed.
11.40 London News Headlines. They are followed by: Vet: John Speer in the world of the cat.
12.10 Video Sounds: With Steve Hackett.
12.40 Close: With Wynford Vaughan-Thomas.



Melvyn Bragg: LWT 1.00, and on network at 10.40 pm

CHOICE

● LONDON TALKING (LWT only, 1.00pm) is a public relations exercise. Nothing wrong with that if it makes good viewing. I'd say this is a likely prospect provided the odd irrelevancy, old moan and triviality have been edited out of the question-and-answer session I saw being recorded at Grays, Essex last week. The audience limit their questions—and the panel their replies—to four ITV areas: This is Your Life, Wish You Were Here, We'll Meet Again, and the Llew Gardner interview with Mrs Thatcher on TV Eye, but it is the tangential points that are often the most interesting. I don't think the decision to exclude BBC TV coverage is a good one. Melvyn Bragg, as chairman, forms the ideal bridge across which expert opinion (the panel) and lay philosophy (the audience) pass in the cause of general enlightenment. The panel: Judith Chalmers, Thames TV's Nigel Ryan, Granada TV's Gus MacDonald, and writer David Butler.

● THE APPRENTICE (BBC 2, 9.00pm) makes the point that the one industry that is impervious to slump effects is funeral undertaking. Michael Waldman's film is mainly concerned, however, with the job opportunity which the business of death offers to one 16-year-old lad called Paddy Belfield. The deadly seriousness of the calling is respected in the film, but space is also found for the odd macabre joke.

● Radio highlights: Liane Aukin's play On Top (Radio 3, 7.45) with Annette Crosbie in fine form as the abused recluse; part 5 of Betty Davies's exceptionally faithful adaptation of Charles Dickens's Bleak House Radio 4, 9.02pm); and the Royal Phil playing the Brahms No 3 and Beethoven Violin Concerto, with Nathan Milstein as soloist (Radio 3, 9.00 and 10.00 respectively).

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO ★ BLACK AND WHITE (r) REPEAT.

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Morning Has Broken.
6.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
7.00 News.
7.10 Sunday Papers.
7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye.
7.45 Bells.
7.50 The Shape of God.
7.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
8.00 News.
8.10 Sunday Papers.
8.15 Sunday. Religious News.
8.50 Week's Good Cause. Glenda Jackson appeals on behalf of the Wirral Autistic Society.
8.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
9.00 News.
9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter From America by Alistaire Cooke.
9.30 Morning Service.
10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11.15 Weekend.
12.00 Smash of the Day. I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again.
12.30 The Food Programme.
1.00 The World This Weekend:
2.00 News.
2.02 Gardeners' Question Time.
2.30 Afternoon Theatre.† 'The Sentry Box' by William Ingram.
3.30 Indeed to Goodness!
4.00 News.
4.02 Talking About Antiques. Listeners' questions.
4.30 The Living World. A magazine edition.
5.00 News.
5.05 Down Your Way visits Saddleworth.
6.00 News.
6.15 The Cold Coast. Life in Norway's Spitsbergen islands.
7.00 Travel; Programme News.
7.02 Around The World in 25 years with Johnny Morris.
7.30 Bookshelf.
8.00 John of Winchester† John Taylor, Bishop of Winchester, talks to Shirley Williams.
8.30 Music to Remember.† Piano recital; Beethoven.
9.00 News.
9.02 Bleak House† by Charles Dickens (part 5).
10.00 News.
10.15 Moonshine on Dancing† Verse, Songs and stories about dancing.
11.00 Before the Ending of the Day.
11.15 Inside Parliament.
12.00 News; Weather Report.
England VHF with 1f above except as follows: 6.55-7.55 Open University: 4.00-6.00 Study on 4.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Collegium Aureum (last in series) Gluck, Mozart, Beethoven; records.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Your Concert Choice. Record requests: Langlais, Suk(mono).†
10.30 Music Weekly.†
11.20 From The Proms. Concert recorded August 1981. Part 1: Strauss, Mozart.†
12.10 Words. Talk by Gerald Long (1).
12.15 From The Proms. Part 2: Henze, Mozart.†
1.10 Lucia Popp. Song recital: Mozart, Schubert.†
2.15 Dvorak. String Quartet in E, Op 80; record.†
2.45 BBC Symphony Orchestra. Concert direct from the Dome, Brighton. Part 1: Bizet, Strauss.†
3.40 The Rapture and The Wretchedness. The treatment in literature of friendships in single-sex institutions.
4.00 Concert. Part 2: Beethoven.†
4.45 Oh Play That Thing! A profile of jazz cornettist, King Oliver.
5.45 Lutoslawski conducts his own music. Concert, including 6.20-6.25 Interval Reading.†
7.00 Conan Doyle Investigates by Roger Weddis.
7.15 Lassus. Penitential Psalm No 3.†
7.45 On Top. Play by Liane Aukin.†
9.00 Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Concert given earlier this evening in the Royal Festival Hall, London. Part 1: Mozart, Brahms.†
9.40 A Closer Look. Vernon Scannell on three works by George Herbert, with readings.
10.00 Concert. Part 2: Beethoven.†
11.00 News.
11.05 Homage To Catalonia. Duarte on record.†
VHF only — Open University: 5.55-7.55 am and 11.20 pm-1.00 am.

Radio 2

5.0 Peter Marshall with The Sunday Early Show.† 7.30 Nick Page.† 9.0 David Jacobs with Melodies For You.† 11.0 Desmond Carrington with Radio 2's All Time Greats.† 12.0 Paul Daniels with his Magical Music Show.† 1.30 Listen to Les with Les Dawson.† 2.0 Benny Green.† 3.0 Two's Best with Len Jackson.† 4.0 Sing Something Simple The Adam Singers.† 4.30 String Sound from the Radio Orchestra.† 5.0 Comedy Classics: 'Dad's Army' starring Arthur Lowe, John LeMesurier. 5.30 Charlie Chester with your Sunday Soapbox. 6.30 Acker's 'Alf 'Our. Mr Acker Bilk and his Paramount Jazz Band. 7.0 Sports Forum (new series). 7.30 Glamorous Nights. 8.30 Sunday Half Hour from Harlesden Methodist Church, London. 9.0 Your 100 Best Tunes. 10.0 Europe 82 with Colin Berry.† 11.0 Pete Murray's Late Show.† 2.0-5.0 You and the Night and the Music with Liz Allen.†

Radio 1

8.0 Tony Blackburn's Sunday Show. 10.0 Noel Edmonds. 1.0 Jimmy Savile's 'Old Record' Club. 3.0 The Beatles At The Beeb — A selection of The Beatles BBC recordings. 5.0 Top 40 with Tommy Vance.† 7.0 The Record Producers, Richard Perry.† 8.0 Sounds of Jazz.† 10.0 Close. VHF Radios 1 and 2: 5.0 With Radio 2. 5.0pm With Radio 1. 10.0-5.0 With Radio 2.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave (648 kHz 463m) at the following times GMT 6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 News About Britain. 7.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 7.30 Classical Record Review 7.45 The End of the Affair 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 People and Politics. 9.45 Sports Review 10.15 Twentieth Century Folk. 10.30 Sunday Service. 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Letter from America 11.30 Play of the Week 12.30 Baker's Half-Dozen. 1.00 World News 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 Good Books. 1.30 Short Story 1.45 The Sandi Jones Request Show 2.30 Smash of the Day The Navy Lark. 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Concert Hall. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 4.35 Financial Review. 4.45 Letter from America 5.00 Meridian. 8.00 World News 8.09 Commentary 8.15 Letterbox. 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours 10.00 World News. 10.09 Science in Action. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sportscall. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Strictly Instrumental 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service. 1.00 The Ages of Man. 1.45 Short Story. 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Twentieth Century Folk. 2.30 A Man of Pleasure 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The Instrument Makers. 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 Newsdesk. 5.45 A Pattern of Faith.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1

BBC CYMRU/WALES: 8.55-9.50am Yr Awr Fawr. 9.50-10.5 Bys a Bawd. 10.5-10.35 Nai Zindagi, Naya Jeevan. 1.0-1.25pm Farming in Wales. 1.55-2.20 Tomorrow's World. 2.20-2.50 Stalky and Co. 2.50-5.15 Sports line-up: 1982 International Rugby Union Championship: highlights of yesterday's England v Wales match at Twickenham. Netball: Wales v England. International Athletics from Milan. 5.15-5.45 Grange Hill. 9.50-10.40 Music Makers. National Youth Orchestra of Wales. 11.25-11.55 Troi'r Dail. "Some Tasks for Education" by Richard Livingstone. 11.55-12.20am Never Too Late (2). 12.20 Join BBC1 (International Darts). 12.35 News of Wales. SCOTLAND: 1.0-1.25pm Landward. 1.25-1.50 Agenda (Political report). 6.40-6.50 In Praise of Life. Glasgow schoolchildren sing and speak. 6.50-7.15 A Bridge of Hymns. 9.50-10.20 Spectrum: Book Now. 10.20-10.40 Donovan in Conversation. 10.50-11.25 Voyager. "Hooked" (Part 1). 12.35am News headlines. NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.35am Nothern Ireland news. ENGLAND: 12.40am Close.

BORDER

As London except: Starts 9.15 am-9.45 Be Your Own Boss. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 1.00 pm Farming Outlook. 1.30-2.30 The Great Depression: America, the New Deal. 3.30 Here's Boomer. 4.00-4.30 Behind the Veil. 5.30 Border Diary. 5.35-6.30 Chips. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.40 Closedown.

CHANNEL

As London except: Starts. 2.06-2.30 Gardens For All. 3.30 Black Beauty. 4.00-4.30 Behind the Veil. 5.30 Mr and Mrs. 6.00-6.30 Different Strokes. 7.15-8.15 Hawaii Five O. 11.40 Bizarre. 12.10 am Epilogue followed by Closedown.

GRANADA

As London except: Starts 9.35-9.45 am High Country Children of New Zealand. 11.00 Be Your Own Boss. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30-12.00 Down To Earth. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 240-Robert. 2.25 Match Time. 3.30 Adventures of Black Beauty. 4.00-4.30 Behind the Veil. 5.30-6.30 Incredible Hulk. 7.15-8.15 Hart To Hart. 11.40 Nero Wolf. 12.40 am Closedown.

ANGLIA

As London except: Starts 9.30 am-10.00 Paint Along With Nancy. 11.30-12.00 Be Your Own Boss. 1.00 pm God's Story. 1.15 European Folk Tales. 1.30 Weather. 1.35 Farming Diary. 2.05 Cartoon. 2.30 Match of the Week. 3.30 Mork and Mindy. 4.00-4.30 Behind the Veil. 5.30 Country People. 6.00-6.30 Mr and Mrs. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.40 Preview. 12.10 am Bible for Today.

CENTRAL

As London except: Starts 9.20 am Be your Own Boss. 9.50-10.00 God's Story. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 Here and Now. 2.00 Benson. 2.30 Star Soccer with Gary Newbon. 3.30-4.30 Chips. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.40 Kris Kristofferson in Concert. 12.45 am Closedown.

TYNE TEES

As London except: Starts. 9.00 am Getting On. 9.30-11.00 Be Your Own Boss. 1.00 Lookaround. 11.02 Beachcombers. 11.30 Cartoon. 11.45 God's Story. 11.58-12.00 News. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Parents and Teenagers. 2.30 Shoot! 3.30-4.30 Incredible Hulk. 4.30 News. 5.30-6.00 Johnny's Animal Operas. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.40 Then Came Bronson. 12.30 Sunderland Singers. 12.35 Closedown.

ULSTER

As London except: Starts 11.00 am Be Your Own Boss. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 12.58 pm News. 1.00 God's Story. 1.15 University Challenge. 1.45 Bygones. 2.15-2.30 Cartoon. 3.30 Adventures of Black Beauty. 4.00-4.30 New Fred and Barney Show. 5.30-6.00 Survival. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.40 Sports results. 11.45 News at Bedtime, closedown.

TVS

As London except: Starts. 9.15 am-9.45 Be Your Own Boss. 1.00 pm Mr and Mrs. 1.30 Farm Focus. 2.00 University Challenge. 2.30 Sunday Sportshow. 3.30 Adventures of Black Beauty. 4.00-4.30 Behing the Veil. 5.30 Radio. 6.25-6.30 News. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.40 News. 11.45 Barney Miller. 12.15 am Company, Closedown.

TSW

As London except: Starts 9.30 am-10.00 Getting On. 11.00 Be Your Own Boss. 11.30-12.00 South West Week. 1.00 pm History of the Car. 1.30 Farming News. 2.00 Golf Doctor. 2.05-2.30 Gardens for All. 3.30 Adventures of Black Beauty. 4.00-4.30 Behind the Veil. 5.30 Mr and Mrs. 6.00-6.30 Diff'rent Strokes. 7.15-8.15. Hawaii Five-o. 11.40 Bizarre. 12.10 am Postscript. 12.16 Closedown.

SCOTTISH

As London except: Starts 9.30 am Behind the Veil. 10.00-11.00 Sesame Street. 11.30-12.00 Be Your Own Boss. 1.00 pm Sunday Service. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 God's Story. 2.15 University Challenge. 2.45 Glen Michael Cavalcade. 3.30-4.30 Scotsport. 5.30 Mr and Mrs. 6.00-6.30 Into the Eighties. 11.40 Late Call. 11:45 New Avengers. 12.40 am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

As London except: Starts 9.00 am Getting On. 9.25 Our Incredible World. 9.55-10.00 Bubblies. 11.00 Be Your Own Boss. 11.30-12.00 Farming Diary. 1.00 pm God's Story. 1.15 University Challenge. 1.45 Calendar. 2.10 New Fred and Barney Show. 2.30 Big Game. 3.30 Stingray. 4.00-4.30 Behind the Veil. 5.30-6.30 Chips. 6.40 Sunday Best. 7.15-8.15 Hart To Hart. 11.40 Five Minutes. 11.45 Love American Style. 12.15 am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN

As London except: Starts. 9.15 am Seachd Laithean. 9.30 Be Your Own Boss. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.15 God's Story. 10.30-11.00 History Makers. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 1.00 pmUniversity Challenge. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Film: Rommel, Desert Fox* (James Mason, Cedric Hardwicke). Rommel realizes after defeat in African that German's position is growing increasingly hopeless. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.40 Reflections. 11.45 Barney Miller. 12.15 am Closedown.

HTV

As London except: Starts 8.45-9.45 am Sesame Street. 11.30-12.00 Be Your Own Boss. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Diary. 2.00-2.30 Vicky The Viking. 3.30 Mork and Mindy. 4.00-4.30 Behind the Veil. 5.30-6.30 Chips. 7.15-8.15 Hart To Hart. 11.40 Bizarre. 12.10 Closedown.

HTV CYMRU/WALES

As HTV West except: 1.30 pm West Country Farming. 2.00-2.30 Muppet Show. 3.30 Trwy Lygaid Ifanc. 4.00-4.30 Mork and Mindy.

Hattersley links state sale profits to Tories

By George Clark

Mr Roy Hattersley, Opposition spokesman on home affairs, yesterday demanded an inquiry into links between the Conservative Party and City firms which had made "substantial profits" out of the sale of nationalized industries, and said the time had come to question the way ministers had behaved.

There was an immediate reaction from the Conservative Party. It said that Mr Hattersley, who had gone further than Mr Michael Foot, the Opposition leader, in the House of Commons, was mounting a smear campaign.

Mr Hattersley, in a speech prepared for delivery at a dinner of the Rhondda Labour Party, said: "Many of the underwriters involved in the sale of public assets, and therefore making substantial profits for themselves out of the deal, have made large contributions to the Conservative Party.

"Just to look at accepting houses: Barings, who helped to dispose of Cable and Wireless, contributed £15,050 in 1980; Kleinwort Benson (British Aerospace), £12,500; Lazards (British Gas Corporation), £11,000; and Morgan Grenfell (Cable and Wireless), £12,500. In total, the accepting houses contributed £92,000 to Tory funds in 1980."

Mr Hattersley said the offer document on the conditions for the sale of shares in Amersham International was precise in saying that the managing banks, which meant the Government, would pay underwriting commission of 1¼ per cent.

Last night, a Conservative Party spokesman commented: "Mr Hattersley seems intent on raising some kind of witch-hunt over an affair which has already been well ventilated in Parliament".

Some accepting houses reacted with amusement to Mr Hattersley's remarks. Mr Ian Fraser, chairman of Lazards, said it was quite ludicrous to draw such a connexion. Merchant banks were usually appointed by senior officials of a ministry, in consultation with the Bank of England, he said.

Ayatollah disappears

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casts from Iran, that an old recording of one of his speeches had been used.

The exiled editors of Radio Iran said that no matter how ill the ayatollah had been in the past, it had always been possible to take pictures of him. Two years ago, after he had had a heart attack, and had undergone heart surgery, he appeared on television at the swearing in ceremony of President Bani-Sadr which was conducted in the hospital, at his bedside.

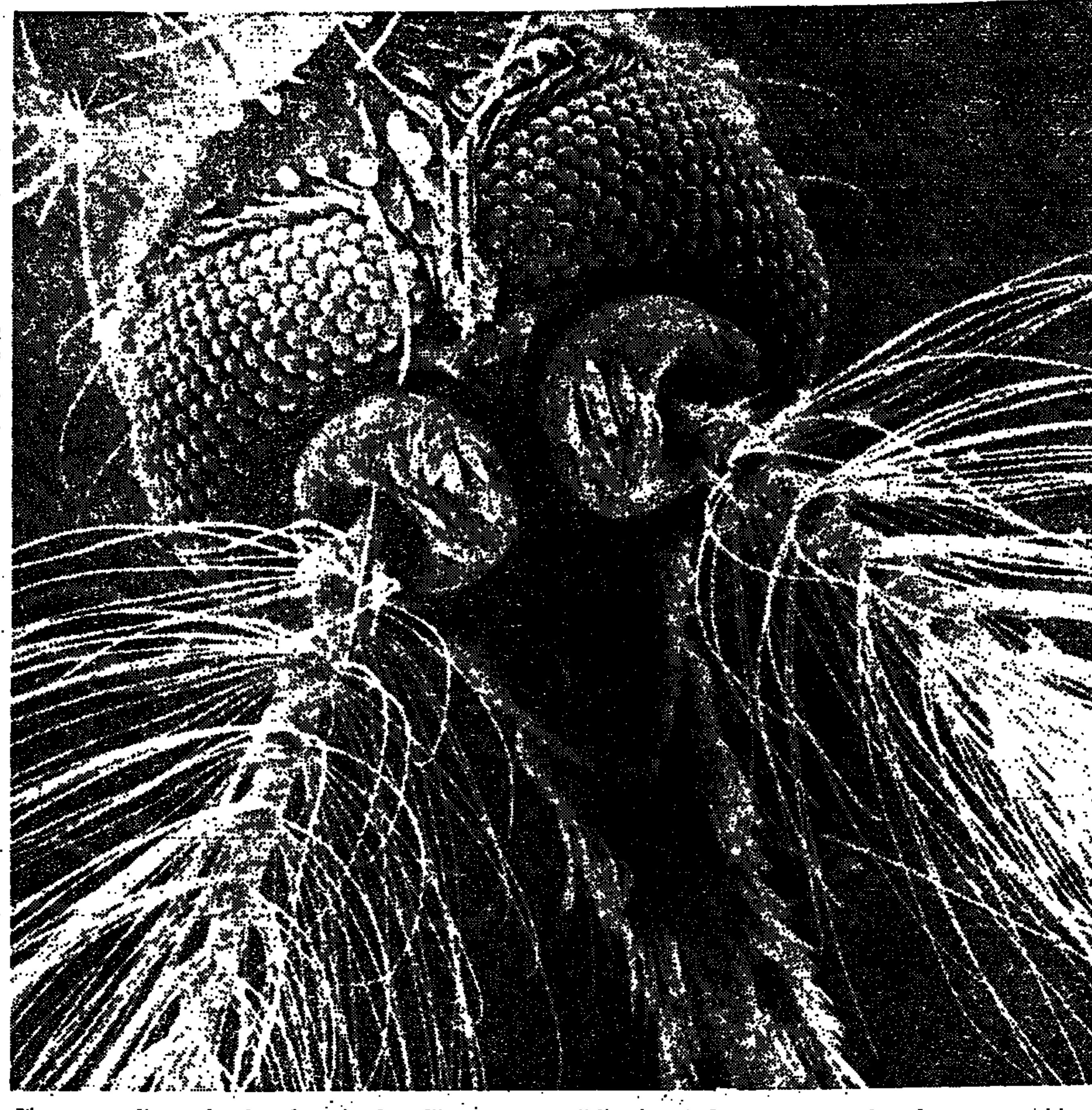
☐ London: Ayatollah Khomeini's speech to the Iranian leaders who visited him on February 22 was broadcast more than once on Tehran Radio, purportedly in response to "repeated requests by our dear listeners" (Edward Mortimer writes).

Anxiety over rumours of the ayatollah's death or incapacity was presumably the main motive. In the speech, the ayatollah referred specifically to these rumours, saying "I hear that a foreign radio had reported that Khomeini was dying . . . The man who was supposed to be dying was listening to them and laughing at them".

He also spoke of his hope to have an impressive number of prisoners released by the new year (which is celebrated in Iran on March 21). The new year referred to must be 1982 as he mentioned Mr Musavi, the present Prime Minister, who was appointed only last October.

Iranians in London who heard the broadcast generally assumed that it was authentic, but some of them commented that the ayatollah sounded very weak.

Face to face with a fever bug



The extraordinary looking face in this photograph belongs to one of the insects most hazardous to mankind: the species of mosquito that is a carrier of yellow fever (Pearce Wright writes). The likeness to a human face is an accident, because the eyes of this creature (*Aedes aegypti*) are the two features that look like rows of small buttons. Each of the round objects is a single lens and helps form a compound eye of the type found in flies. The projections beneath, looking like the branches from a pine tree that has lost its needles, are antennae which search out the scent of a warm-blooded victim, while the compound eyes, designed to be most sensitive to infra-red radiation, help it home-in on its target at night. The photograph was taken by an electron microscope method devised by Dr Tony Brain, of Chelsea College, to provide magnificent pictures for research workers, publishers in medical research, general biology and natural history.

Letter from Warsaw

Dramatic messages of hope at the Atheneum

It would be understandable if General Jaruzelski, the Polish Prime Minister, felt a degree of satisfaction about his reception in Moscow this week. Images of thousands of well-drilled Soviet schoolchildren enthusiastically waving Polish flags have a way of crowding out the old animosities and the centuries-old tensions between Warsaw and Moscow.

But if that warm feeling is to remain, the Polish leader would be well advised to avoid going to the theatre.

At the Atheneum, they are playing to well-packed houses, one of the most obviously anti-Russian plays to be seen for years.

True, the action takes place in 1793 during the second partition of Poland, an era of pre-Soviet intrigue. But Poles are adept at drawing contemporary messages from historical events—often the only way that critical comment can be expressed at a time of tight censorship — and this particular play, *Polonaise* by Tadeusz Sito, leaves enough clues in its wake, enough nudges and winks, to satisfy political appetites.

The play is at best bowdlerized history, but it has traditionally been the source of great emotion. When it was performed in Gdansk in August, 1981, members of the audience later thronged to the cross commemorating the killing of shipyard workers and laid candles and wreaths.

The action centres on Russian attempts to bribe and cajole the Siem, the Polish Parliament, into approving the partition of Poland, a partition that involved the ceding of hundreds of thousands of square kilometres of territory to Russia.

The opening scene shows Empress Catherine the Great receiving a delegation of pro-Russian Poles who plead that she keep her invasion troops in the country.

This plea is justified in terms that have become familiar to students of the contemporary Polish press—that there was a threat from a small group of extremists.

The Russians decide that they will put pressure on the Polish king, who is portrayed as chronically indecisive, weakened by the democratic trends in Polish society. The Russian Ambassador begins his campaign of bribing parliamentary deputies in an effort to persuade them to accept the partition of, and therefore the betrayal of, their country.

The audience applauded three main speeches that all reflect a certain mood. The first is by a deputy who refuses to be bribed. He says that whoever you blame, Jacobins or liberals, "Russians or Prussians the time will come when everybody gets what he deserves".

The second speech by the Russian Ambassador, ruing his corruption of Polish democracy, is more direct in its message. "I know that for many years, Russians will have to pay for what has been done today", he says. The nationalist sentiment — that hardship comes and goes but the Polish nation will survive —comes out clearly in the final lines of the play: "In the end, the blood will dry on the Polish soil and free generations will come to plough the land and toil".

These are story sentiments at a time when priests warn their congregations of being blinded by "half-truths" and when government communiqués talk of the unbreakable friendship between Poland and the Soviet Union.

Theatre audiences are, of course, a poor judge of national sentiment. They are naturally more inclined to respond strongly to such drama.

Although the relationship is becoming warmer at the Government level, it is distinguished more by cool disdain in other areas. The office of the Polish-Soviet Friendship Society, once frequently visited because of its excellent restaurant, is now one of the emptiest buildings in Warsaw.

Roger Boyes

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Music

Concert by Midlands Early Music Forum; Wednesbury Town Hall, Wednesbury, 7.15.

Concert by Bournemouth Chamber Music Society with Steven Isserlis and accompanist Peter Evans; Talbot Heath School, Rothesay Road, Bournemouth, 3.

Recital of choral and chamber music by students from Chetham's School of Music, Cross Street, Manchester, 7.

Hereford Choral Society, conducted by Roy Massey, perform the Verdi *Requiem*, Hereford Cathedral, 7.30.

Concert by Bristol University chamber orchestra and choir, Clifton Cathedral, Bristol, 7.30.

Concert by Fitzwilliam String Quartet, Alfreton Hall, Derbyshire, 7.30.

An evening of choral music, All Saints' Church, Crawley Down, Sussex, 7.30.

Bach's *St Matthews Passion*, Leigh Hill Music Festival, Dorking, 7.

General

The *Observer* Flat & House-buyers Show: a chance to meet estate agents from all over London, under one roof; free advice: 10 to 5.

Exhibitions

The Engineers: the art of structures and how they are conceived, tested and built. Architectural Association, 34-36 Bedford Square, WC1; Mon-Fri 10 to 7 (until March 26).

The sculpture of Michael Rysbrack, City of Bristol Museum and Art Gallery, Queen's Road, Bristol; Mon-Sat 10 to 5 (until May 1).

Drawings and sculpture by Henri Gaudier-Brzeska 1891-1915. Bohun Gallery, Station Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon; Mon-Sat 10 to 5.30, closed Wednesday, Sunday (until March 25).

The royal wedding dress and gifts exhibition, St Mary's Centre, Chester; Mon-Sat 9.30 to 5.30, Sun 12 to 5 (until March 28).

Geological conservation. An exhibition of the work of the Nature Conservancy Council, Cliffe Castle, Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley; Tues-Sun 10 to 5 (until April 18).

Walks

The magical world of Charles Dickens, meet St Paul's Underground, 2.30.

Tomorrow

Talks, lectures

Whistler and the Thames, by Laurence Bradbury, Tate Gallery, 3.

Christian witness in politics, by George Thomas, MP, 11.15; The dividing wall of hostility, by the Rev Fr Michael Hollings, 8.30; both at Great St Mary's, The University church, Cambridge.

A closer look: the music room from Norfolk House, by Sarah Bowles, 3.30; silver of the last 200 years, by Myrtle Ellis, 3.30; both at V and A.

Music

King's Consort, a coffee concert at Museum and Art Gallery, Birmingham, 11.15.

LSO concert (Claudio Abbado) with Vladimir Ashkenazy, Barbican Centre, Barbican, 6.

Concert by Taverner Consort, Barnfield Theatre, Barnfield Road, Exeter, 8.

Concert by Brent Symphony Orchestra, Town Hall, Wembley, 7.30.

Exhibitions

Art of Japan: 17th-19th centuries. Adeane Gallery, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge (ends today).

Mayakovsky: Twenty years of work, Museum of Modern Art, Oxford; Tues to Sat 10-5, Sun 2-5 (until May 2).

Early Soviet photographers, Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford, Tues to Sat 10-5, Sun 2-5 (until May 2).

Open exhibition by artists living and working in the City and east London, Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, E1; Sun to Fri 11-5.50 (ends today).

National Glazing exhibition, Cunard International Hotel, Hammersmith, W6 (ends today).

General

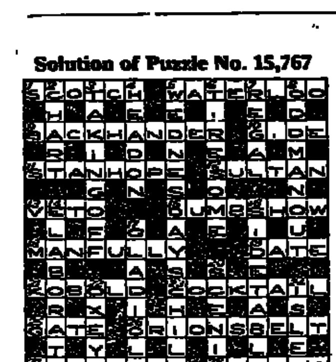
Postcard collectors' fair, Horseshoe Hotel, W1, 11 to 4.30.

Walks

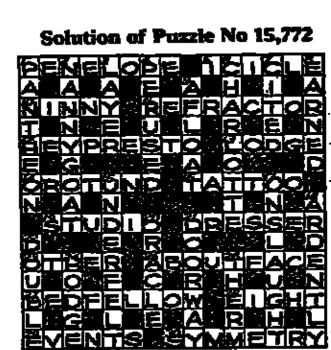
Historic Clerkenwell, meet Farringdon Underground, 2.

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Solution of Puzzle No. 15,767



Solution of Puzzle No 15,772



The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15,773

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World *(comprehensive edition) will be given for the first correct solution opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winner and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winner of last Saturday's competition is Lt Col J. F. Shircliff, 'E' Officers' Mess, Rheindahlen Garrison, BFPO40, West Germany.

Name ....

Address ....



ACROSS

1 Period History reached in 1066 and All That (4, 4).
6 One that prays for flies? (6).
9 Pop a question if part is not clear (6).
10 Terrible trash — show disapproval in this Egyptian style (8).
11 Irishman one put back in church's empty tomb (8).
12 Ordered for second round by boxing official, wrongly (6).
13 Slow mover would not join the dance (5).
14 Street-cleaner, to wit one of the Furies? (5).
17 Synopsis Number One returned — Food Processing (9).
19 Vehicle needing disinfestation? (5).
22 Is born in London's West End or a foreign capital (6).
23 Mental twist shown by, say, a Levantine animal (8).
24 Endlessly swelling, a song of the country (8).
25 Shame about general service accommodation, it's filthy (6).
26 Fatty, Prince Regent as he later was (not hard) (6).
27 The merry monarch (4, 4).

DOWN

2 Very many meet up north for a change (7).
3 One quid, what it's given for — cereal or sweet? (9).
4 Boring thing, a snare (6).
5 Go all reactionary when summertime's over (3, 3, 5, 4).
6 Desecrate tomb of old German nobleman (8).
7 Motorists so impatient in south-west London? (7).
8 Learned to describe Arnold's wandering youth (9).
13 Burden the horrid old woman with horse equipment (6-3).
15 New ale caring such a headache? (9).
16 Fish for the holy man, soberly clad (5-3).
18 Gautier's first is she, in Paris, in ballet? (7).
20 This stop in speech Times leader got all wrong (7).
21 Harness coach-horses in tavern outside health resort (6).

The Pound

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.77	1.69
Austria Sch	31.75	29.75
Belgium Fr	89.00	84.50
Canada $	2.30	2.21
Denmark Kr	15.12	14.32
Finland Mkk	8.63	8.18
France Fr	11.48	10.88
Germany DM	4.51	4.26
Greece Dr	116.00	109.00
Hongkong $	11.10	10.50
Ireland Pt	1.26	1.21
Italy Lir	2389.00	2280.00
Japan Yn	456.00	430.00
Netherlands Gld	4.92	4.66
Norway Kr	11.38	10.78
Portugal Esc	131.00	124.00
South Africa Rd	2.07	1.92
Spain Pta	192.00	183.00
Sweden Kr	11.00	10.42
Switzerland Fr	3.58	3.36
USA $	1.89	1.82
Yugoslavia Dnr	99.00	93.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

London: The *FT* Index closed up up 4.0 at 560.7.

Sporting fixtures

Rugby Union: England v Wales, at Twickenham (3.0); Scotland v France, at Murrayfield (3.0).

Football: FA Cup, quarter-finals (3.0): Chelsea v Tottenham, Leicester v Shrewsbury, Queen's Park Rangers v Crystal Palace, West Bromwich Albion v Coventry. League matches, page 20.

Racing: Meetings at Haydock Park (1.15), Hereford (1.15), Market Rasen (1.30) and Newbury (1.30).

Hockey: Women's international, Wales v England, at Bangor (2.30).

Athletics: English cross-country championship, at Leeds (3.20).

Badminton: England v Japan, at Farnborough (5.0).

Squash rackets: ISPA championship, at Abbeydale, Sheffield.

Snooker: Yamaha organs event, at Derby (2.30 and 7.30).

Fencing: Martini international, at Barnes.

Tomorrow

Rugby League: Full programme, page 20.

Squash rackets: ISPA championship, at Sheffield (12.30 and 5.30).

Snooker: Yamaha organs final, at Derby.

Sport on TV

BBC1: 12.15, Grandstand including 12.20 Football Focus, 12.55 Boxing, 1.10 Racing, 2.55 International Rugby Union, England v Wales, 3.45 Half-time Scores, 4.25 International Rugby Union, Scotland v France, 4.35 Final Score; 9.40, Match of the Day.

ITV: 12.15, World of Sport including 12.20 On the Ball, 12.45 World Cup skiing and rallying, 1.20 Racing, 3.0 Snooker, 3.45 Half-time soccer news and reports, 4.0 Snooker, 4.50 Results; 9.0, Snooker, The Yamaha Organs Trophy; 12.5, London news headlines followed by Snooker.

Tomorrow

BBC1: 3.30, International Darts, Arrow Chemicals British International Championship, England v Wales; 4.40, International Athletics; 5.55, International Athletics; 11.50, International Darts.

BBC2: 4.45, International Rugby Special, England v Wales and Scotland v France; 9.50, International Pro-Celebrity Golf.

ITV: 2.30, The Big Match; 4.30, Snooker, The Yamaha Organs Trophy; 10.0, Snooker.

Viewing today

Phillips, Blenheim Street, furniture, carpets, objects, 9 to 12; modern British paintings, drawings and sculpture, 9 to 12.

Anniversaries

Births: Michelangelo, Caprese, 1475; Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Coxhoe Hall, near Durham, 1806. Louisa May Alcott died in Boston, 1888. Mexican army overwhelmed volunteers defending El Alamo, San Antonio, Texas, 1836.

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Births: John Frederick Herschel astronomer, Slough, 1792; Edwin Landseer, London, 1802; Thomas Masaryk, first President of Czechoslovakia, Hodonin, 1850.

In the garden

Check ties on trees or shrubs against walls, fences or pergolas, or holding them to stakes. Renew if necessary or loosen if they are beginning to cut into the bark. Tread firmly any shrubs or trees loosened by the frosts. In the south of the country prune roses now, but in the north wait until the end of the month or even later in the cold North-east.

Roses are very long suffering and no matter how savagely they have to be pruned they will almost always bloom. Overgrown hedges of laurel or privet which are bare at the base may be cut hard back. Give a generous nitrogenous feed, say 8oz of soluble dried blood or 2oz of sulphate of amonia to the square yard along the row of plants, 18in on either side.

Roads

Wales and the West: A40: Only one carriageway in use on Ross-on-Wye Road, W of Gloucester. Serious delays 7.30 to 9.15 am, and 4.30 to 6.30 pm; A419: King Street, Stroud town centre closed, diversions; A4: Bath Road, Bristol, greatly reduced in width; A55: Only one lane open at Conwybridge, Gwynedd, long delays when crossing River Conwy; A338: Major repairs on Bournemouth bypass near railway station; A4042: Delays during repairs between Newport and Pontypool; A35: Temporary diversion near Fountain Roundabout, Christchurch.

The North: A19: Several lane restrictions on the Sunderland bypass, Tyne and Wear; A684: Long delays at Leeming Bar, North Yorkshire; A56: Roadworks involve delays at Hoole Roundabout, Chester; A1/A6136: Lane closures on Catterick bypass.

Scotland: A93: Sewerage work in hand along Dundee Road, Perth, temporary signals; A1: Road realignment south of Haddington, Lothian and Borders region. Only one lane in use; A76: Temporary signals four miles north of Dumfries; Sunday from 7 am A905 Kerse Road, Stirling reduced to one lane, stop/go boards at Burghmuir Roundabout, the AA reports.

Sea

Brittany ferries have cancelled their Portsmouth to St Malo services for a week for fear of industrial disruption by French seamen. Passengers who have booked for next week are advised to travel on other routes operated by P & O and Townsend Thoresen.

The papers

In Paris Le Monde says press comments of the Gulf States vividly criticize the "Acrobatics" of Paris, and insist that Mitterrand's favourable statements concerning the Palestinians are insufficient to absorb the Franco-Arab confidence crisis, while Le Figaro emphasizes "the impossible Mitterrand-Begin dialogue. It is evident that the Israeli and French positions are irreconcilable," the paper observes.

From New York the Wall Street Journal points to the anger of western bankers over the "hard ball tactics" Romania is using against its worried creditors.

Weather

Frontal troughs will cross most parts from the W.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, E England, East Anglia: Cloudy, with rain spreading from the W; wind S, moderate or fresh; max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

Central S, central N England, Midlands, Channel Isles: Cloudy, occasional rain, drier later; wind mainly S, moderate, or fresh; max temp 8 or 9C (46 to 48F).

SW England, Wales: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, occasionally heavy, becoming brighter from the W later; wind mostly S, strong, with gales in exposed places; max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

NW, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Cloudy, occasionally heavy rain, becoming brighter; wind S, fresh or strong, veering W; max temp 7 or 8C (45 or 46F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, with rain, brightening from the W, scattered showers; wind S, fresh or strong, gales in places; max temp 6 or 7C (43 to 45F).

NE, NW Scotland, Argyl: Becoming brighter with occasional showers, wintry on hills; wind SW, strong to gale, moderating; max temp 7 or 8C (45 or 46F).

N Ireland: Becoming brighter with occasional showers; wind mainly SW, moderate; max temp 7 or 8C (45 or 46F).

Outlook for Sunday and Monday: Changeable. Most parts will have showers or longer periods of rain but also some drier, brighter interludes. Near normal temperatures.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind S, fresh or strong, veering W; sea moderate or rough. English Channel E: Wind S, veering W, strong, decreasing to moderate or fresh; sea rough, decreasing to slight or moderate. St George's Channel: Wind SW to W, fresh or strong, occasionally gale at first; sea moderate or rough. Irish Sea: Wind S, veering W, moderate or fresh, increasing to strong; moderate or rough.

Sun rises: 6.36 am. Sun sets: 5.49 pm. Moon sets: 5.4 am. Moon rises: 1.38 pm.

Full moon: March 9

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Sun rises: 6.34 am. Sun sets: 5.51 pm. Moon sets: 5.46 am. Moon rises: 2.53 pm.

Full moon: March 9

Lighting up time

TODAY
London 6.19 pm to 6.4 am
Bristol 6.29 pm to 6.13 am
Edinburgh 6.27 pm to 6.20 am
Manchester 6.26 pm to 6.14 am
Penzance 6.42 pm to 6.24 am

TOMORROW
London 6.21 pm to 6.1 am
Bristol 6.31 pm to 6.11 am
Edinburgh 6.29 pm to 6.17 am
Manchester 6.27 pm to 6.11 am
Penzance 6.44 pm to 6.22 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	8	46	Guernsey	c	7	45
Birmingham	s	8	46	Inverness	c	8	46
Blackpool	s	8	46	Jersey	s	8	46
Bristol	s	9	48	London	s	11	52
Cardiff	s	7	45	Manchester	c	5	41
Edinburgh	c	8	46	Newcastle	s	8	46
Glasgow	f	8	46	Ronaldsway	f	8	46

London

Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 46 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 9.5hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,035.1 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Satellite predictions

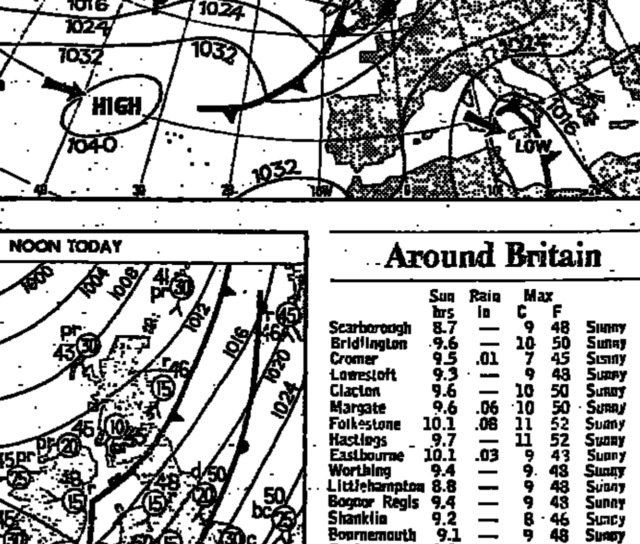
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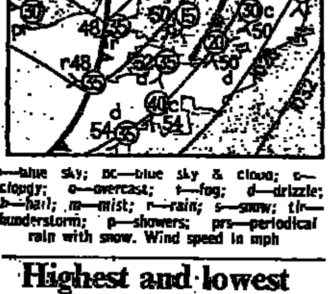
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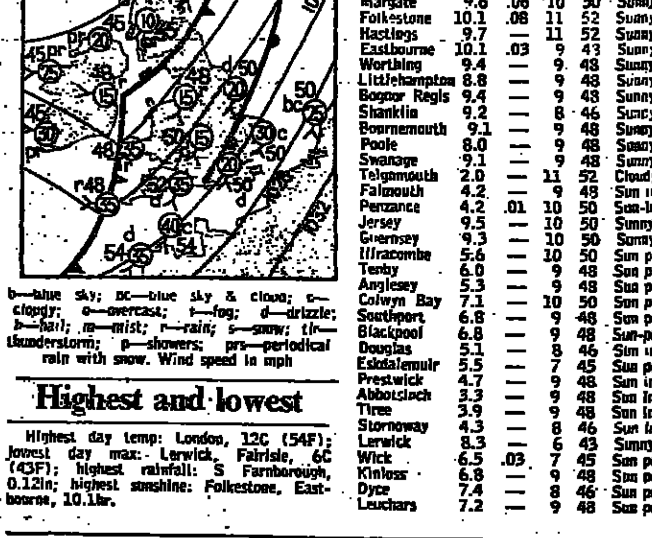
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MANCHESTER: Cosmos 1310R: 18.47-18.54; NW; 65SSW; SSE. Cosmos 956R: 19.6-19.9; W; 15NW; NNW. Bhaskar 2R: 19.30-19.35; W; 25SSW; SSE. Seasat: 19.39-19.46; NNE; 25NW; W. Aryabhata R: 18.47-18.53; W; 45SSW; SE and 20.26-20.28; WSW; 20SW; SW*.





b—blue sky; bc—blue sky & cloud; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—snow; th—thunderstorm; p—showers; prs—periodical rain with snow. Wind speed in mph

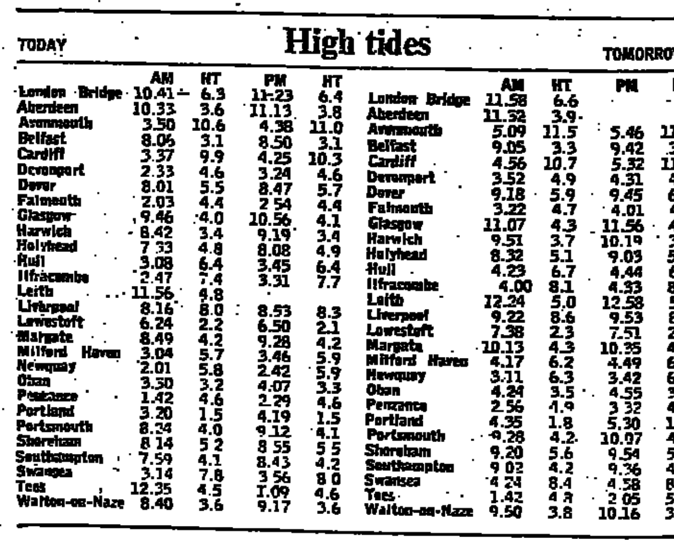


Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarborough	8.7	—	9	48	Sunny
Bridlington	9.6	—	10	50	Sunny
Cromer	9.5	.01	7	45	Sunny
Lowestoft	9.3	—	9	48	Sunny
Clacton	9.6	—	10	50	Sunny
Margate	9.6	.06	10	50	Sunny
Folkestone	10.1	.08	11	52	Sunny
Hastings	9.7	—	11	52	Sunny
Eastbourne	10.1	.03	9	43	Sunny
Worthing	9.4	—	9	48	Sunny
Littlehampton	8.8	—	9	48	Sunny
Bognor Regis	9.4	—	9	48	Sunny
Shanklin	9.2	—	8	46	Sunny
Bournemouth	9.1	—	9	48	Sunny
Poole	8.0	—	9	48	Sunny
Swanage	9.1	—	9	48	Sunny
Teignmouth	2.0	—	11	52	Cloudy
Falmouth	4.2	—	9	48	Sun ints
Penzance	4.2	.01	10	50	Sun ints
Jersey	9.5	—	10	50	Sunny
Guernsey	9.3	—	10	50	Sunny
Ilfracombe	5.6	—	10	50	Sun pds
Tenby	6.0	—	9	48	Sun pds
Anglesey	5.3	—	9	48	Sun pds
Colwyn Bay	7.1	—	10	50	Sun pds
Southport	6.8	—	9	48	Sun pds
Blackpool	6.8	—	9	48	Sun pds
Douglas	5.1	—	8	46	Sun ints
Eskdalemuir	5.5	—	7	45	Sun pds
Prestwick	4.7	—	9	48	Sun ints
Abbotsinch	3.3	—	9	48	Sun ints
Tiree	3.9	—	9	48	Sun ints
Stornoway	4.3	—	8	46	Sun ints
Lerwick	8.3	—	6	43	Sunny
Wick	6.5	.03	7	45	Sun pds
Kinloss	6.8	—	9	48	Sun pds
Dyce	7.4	—	8	46	Sun pds
Leuchars	7.2	—	9	48	Sun pds

Highest and lowest

Highest day temp: London, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Fairisle, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: S Farnborough, 0.12in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Eastbourne, 10.1hr.



High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.41	6.3	11.23	6.4
Aberdeen	10.33	3.6	11.13	3.8
Avonmouth	3.50	10.6	4.38	11.0
Belfast	8.06	3.1	8.50	3.1
Cardiff	3.37	9.9	4.25	10.3
Devonport	2.33	4.6	3.24	4.6
Dover	8.01	5.5	8.47	5.7
Falmouth	2.03	4.4	2.54	4.4
Glasgow	9.46	4.0	10.56	4.1
Harwich	8.42	3.4	9.19	3.4
Holyhead	7.33	4.8	8.08	4.9
Hull	3.08	6.4	3.45	6.4
Ilfracombe	2.47	7.4	3.31	7.7
Leith	11.56	4.8		
Liverpool	8.16	8.0	8.53	8.3
Lowestoft	6.24	2.2	6.50	2.1
Margate	8.49	4.2	9.28	4.2
Milford Haven	3.04	5.7	3.46	5.9
Newquay	2.01	5.8	2.42	5.9
Oban	3.30	3.2	4.07	3.3
Penzance	1.42	4.6	2.29	4.6
Portland	3.20	1.5	4.19	1.5
Portsmouth	8.34	4.0	9.12	4.1
Shoreham	8.14	5.2	8.55	5.5
Southampton	7.59	4.1	8.43	4.2
Swansea	3.14	7.8	3.56	8.0
Tees	12.35	4.5	1.09	4.6
Walton-on-Naze	8.40	3.6	9.17	3.6

TOMORROW

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.58	6.6	-	
Aberdeen	11.32	3.9		
Avonmouth	5.09	11.5	5.46	11.9
Belfast	9.05	3.3	9.42	3.2
Cardiff	4.56	10.7	5.32	11.1
Devonport	3.52	4.9	4.31	4.9
Dover	9.18	5.9	9.45	6.0
Falmouth	3.22	4.7	4.01	4.7
Glasgow	11.07	4.3	11.56	4.3
Harwich	9.51	3.7	10.19	3.6
Holyhead	8.32	5.1	9.03	5.2
Hull	4.23	6.7	4.44	6.8
Ilfracombe	4.00	8.1	4.33	8.3
Leith	12.24	5.0	12.58	5.1
Liverpool	9.22	8.6	9.53	8.8
Lowestoft	7.38	2.3	7.51	2.2
Margate	10.13	4.3	10.35	4.4
Milford Haven	4.17	6.2	4.49	6.4
Newquay	3.11	6.3	3.42	6.4
Oban	4.24	3.5	4.55	3.5
Penzance	2.56	4.9	3.32	4.9
Portland	4.35	1.8	5.30	1.7
Portsmouth	9.28	4.2	10.07	4.3
Shoreham	9.20	5.6	9.54	5.9
Southampton	9.02	4.2	9.36	4.4
Swansea	4.24	8.4	4.58	8.6
Tees	1.42	4.8	2.05	5.0
Walton-on-Naze	9.50	3.8	10.16	3.8

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	10	50	Cologne	c	7	45	Madrid	s	10	50	Rome	f	14	57
Akrotiri	c	14	57	Copenhagen	s	5	41	Majorca	s	14	57	Salzburg	c	3	37
Algiers				Corfu	f	17	63	Malaga	s	18	64	Sao Paulo			
Amsterdam	s	6	43	Dallas				Malta	c	16	61	San Francsco			
Athens	s	16	61	Dublin	s	9	48	Mexico City				Santiago			
Bahrain	f	20	68	Dubrovnik	f	15	59	Miami				Seoul	s	9	48
Barbados				Faro	s	17	63	Milan	c	9	48	Singapore	f	31	88
Barcelona	s	15	59	Florence	r	8	46	Moscow	c	5	41	Stockholm	sn	-4	25
Beirut				Frankfurt	f	7	45	Munich	f	4	39	Strasbourg	f	8	46
Belgrade	c	6	43	Funchal	s	17	63	Nairobi	f	29	84	Tangier	s	17	63
Berlin	c	4	39	Geneva	f	7	45	Naples	r	12	54	Tel Aviv	s	17	63
Bermuda				Gibraltar	s	17	63	New York				Tenerife	s	22	72
Biarritz	r	11	52	Helsinki	c	0	32	Nice	c	12	54	Tokyo	f	19	66
Boulogne	s	7	45	Hongkong	f	25	77	Oslo	s	4	39	Toronto			
Bordeaux	f	11	52	Innsbruck	c	4	39	Ottawa				Tunis	r	9	48
Boston				Jiddah	c	27	81	Paris	s	8	46	Valencia	s	15	59
Brussels	s	7	45	Jo'burg	r	14	57	Peking	s	5	41	Vancouver			
Budapest	c	9	48	Las Palmas	f	20	68	Prague	f	5	41	Venice	c	11	52
Cairo	f	21	70	Lisbon	s	12	54	Reykjavik	d	3	37	Vienna	c	7	45
Cape Town	s	27	81	Locarno	s	15	59	Rhodes	f	16	61	Warsaw	c	3	37
Casablanca	s	16	61	Los Angeles				Riyadh	c	18	64	Washington			
Chicago				Luxembourg	f	6	43	Rio de Jan				Zurich	f	5	41